

Sunday
Sept. 17, 2000

AARP meetings resume Monday

AARP Chapter 1114 will resume its meetings tomorrow, Monday, beginning at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Hall on Coleman Ave. in Waveland. Guest speaker will be local author Paul Estronza La Violette. Lunch will be served.

BSL, Waveland baseball leagues

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball League has announced that positions are open on its board of directors for the 2001 season. Interested parties should submit a written request for consideration to: Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth League, P.O. Box 3492, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

All parents interested in joining the parent auxiliary for the Waveland Little League are asked to call Tammy Fayard at 463-0092.

Revival set at Pearlington

First Baptist Church of Pearlington will host a Fall Revival Sept. 18-22, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each day. Rev. John W. Davis of Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Gulfport will be the speaker. Pastor is Rev. Willie D. Rawls; deacon is James Wheat.

Talent night at Old Spanish Trail

Old Spanish Trail Baptist Church will have an open-mike Praise/Talent Night on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 7-9 p.m. Call 466-0220 for more information.

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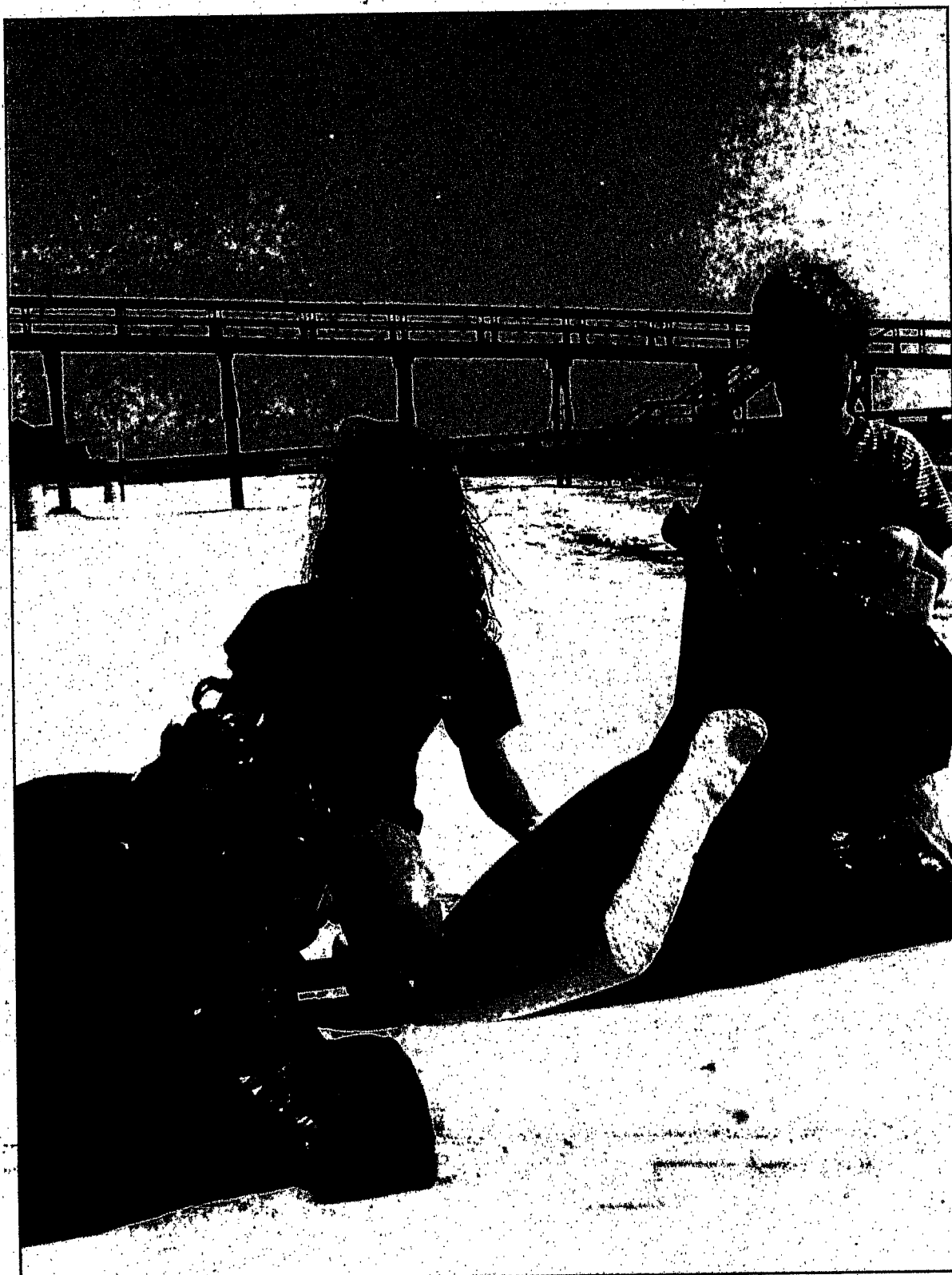
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LIFE'S A BEACH



Bay-Waveland Middle School students Rachel Minear, left, and John Tenney, both 11-year-old Bay St. Louis residents, pick up trash on the beach Saturday morning with a group from the school. Their efforts were part of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee's "Hancock County Cleanup." In conjunction with the Coast-wide Coastal Cleanup, 304 participants showed up for Saturday's event in Hancock County, with 329 bags of trash collected in addition to two dump-trucks full of various non-baggage items.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

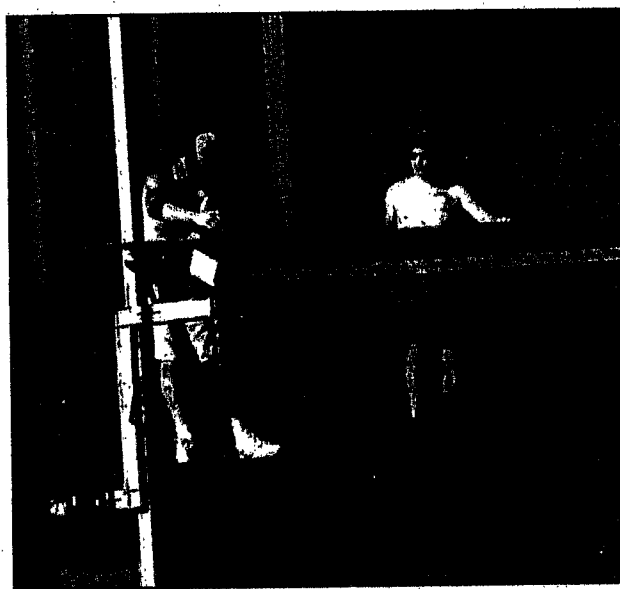
Apartments going up fast

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The huge apartment complex going up between Longfellow Rd. and Old Nicholson Rd. is growing rapidly.

Heritage Properties and Construction out of Jackson owns the project. Construction Superintendent James Graham, from Sumrall, said Thursday that the company has worked on similar construction projects all over the state.

The men working on the project come from as far away as Alabama, though some are locals. Originally, Graham said, the company was interested in doing another project



Employees of Heritage Properties and Construction work to put siding on one of the buildings going up for an apartment complex between Longfellow R. and Old Nicholson Thursday.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

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Supers will proceed on MPT plans

P&H seeks other funds to replace Bay

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

And the plastics plant bounces back!

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors pledged

Thursday to continue its support for the proposed Mississippi Polymer Technology Inc., a high tech polymer plastics enterprise.

Funding for the project had been in doubt after the Bay St. Louis City Council on Tuesday rescinded its previous statement of intent to guarantee a \$500,000 loan for MPT.

The county board had already guaranteed one \$500,000 loan, with a pledge to also issue a \$500,000 capital improvement loan contingent upon the Bay council's support of the project.

In all, MPT is seeking \$1.5 million in loan guarantees to construct a building where research and development would take place at the Port

Bienville industrial park. The project is strongly endorsed by Gov. Ronnie Musgrove and the state Economic Development Authority. Dr. Robert Gagne, a California scientist interested in placing the enterprise in Mississippi, has vowed to put \$200,000 in escrow to cover the first year of debt retirement, and to personally guarantee the balance of the loans if for some reason MPT doesn't pan out.

However, on Tuesday, Bay

Ward 1 council member Doug Seal urged fellow council members to reverse their earlier decision to support the project, saying they had not been fully informed of the details of the loan process. After the city council backed off, Board of Supervisors President Rocky Pullman said he thought the project would be "in limbo."

"I realize the second CAP loan was contingent on Bay St. Louis," Port & Harbor Commission Executive Director Hal Walters told the board Thursday.

"but I respectfully request a continuation of support (from the county). ... This would be the only polymer industry in the state of Mississippi -- I sure would hate to lose it."

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Mississippi Sound bill unanimously passes House

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A bill authored by U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor passed the U.S. House of Representatives this week without opposition, and would help restore the ecological health of the vast Mississippi Sound.

House Bill 4104 will allow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to add the Mississippi Sound to the National Estuary Program. This will allow the EPA to provide administrative and technical assistance to a management

conference composed of federal, state and local officials.

Taylor said the bill now goes to the U.S. Senate, where he does not anticipate opposition.

"The Mississippi Sound is a rich economic, environmental, cultural and recreational asset to our entire state," said Taylor. "My legislation calls for a thorough study of the environmentally adverse conditions in the Gulf area. This should lead to long-term solutions."

The Mississippi Sound is

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Fire Marshal wants crackdown on overgrown, junked-up lots

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County Fire Marshal Richard Pate thinks overgrown and junked-up property is getting out of hand in Hancock County.

Pate came before the board of supervisors earlier this month with vivid digital photographs of four lots he wanted cleaned up.

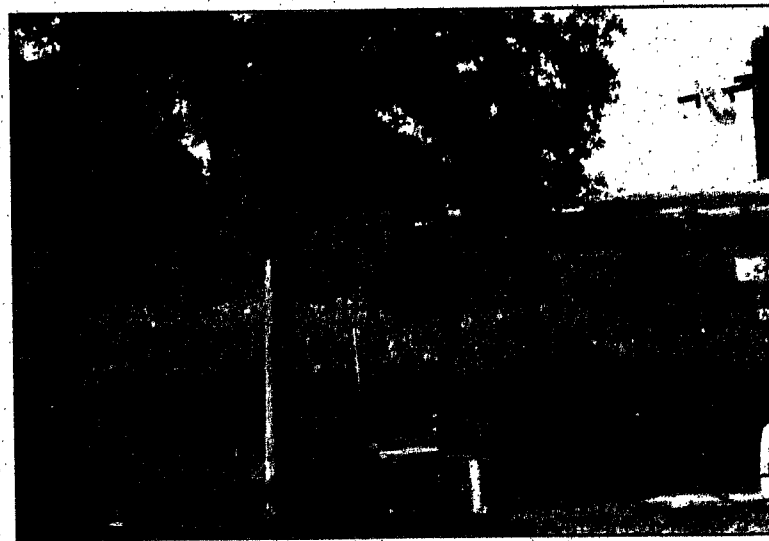
He said the problem is so epidemic in Hancock County that a person could work five days a week full-time documenting

lots where weeds and grass are overgrown and properties where junked cars, buses and other scrap items are stacked on top each other.

Pate said the names of the property owners are on record in the tax assessor's office.

In Clermont Harbor, at Third and Forrest, Pate said junked cars and other scrap materials are piled up and the scene is a safety and fire hazard. In Garden Isles, on Pompano

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Through the combined effort of area air, fire and law enforcement officials, a missing Lakeshore man was found unharmed Thursday in a marshy area near his home.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

Lakeshore man found uninjured

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

A search that could have ended in tragedy had a happy ending Thursday thanks to the combined efforts of area volunteer fire departments, the Harrison County Air #4 rescue helicopter, the Civil Air Patrol, and Hancock County Justice

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Obituaries

WALLACE ALEXANDER
JESSIE HARDY
THOMAS MAHAR
HAZELTINE O'TOOLE
EVELYN RODGERS
BEVERLYN WILLIAMS

WALLACE ALEXANDER
Wallace Jack Alexander, 78, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, in Biloxi. Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue, Gulfport.

JESSIE HARDY
Jessie Mae Stockstill Hardy, 88, of Picaune, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2000, in Picaune. Mrs. Hardy was a native of Hancock County. She was a nurses' aide and a member of Cedar Hill Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Rosie Stockstill.

Survivors include three daughters, Jenenne Lee Stewart of the Pine Grove community, Delana Lee Evert and Janice Fay Lee Berry of the Leetown community; a son, Joel Lee of Leetown; a brother, Ardell Stockstill of Leetown; three sisters, Effie Lee, Bulah Miles and Eula Lee, all of Leetown; 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday evening in McDonald Funeral Home in Picaune. Services will be conducted today, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Lee's Chapel No. 2 Baptist Church Cemetery.

THOMAS MAHAR
Thomas Morgan Mahar, 65, of Diamondhead, died Tuesday, September 12, 2000 in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Mahar was sent from the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Brookside Funeral Home in Houston, Tx. for services and burial.

HAZELTINE O'TOOLE
Mrs. Hazeltime O'Toole, 91, of Austin, Texas, died Friday, September 15, 2000 in Austin. Mrs. O'Toole was a native of Liberty, Ms., a longtime resident of Austin, Tx., and a former resident of the Gulf Coast. She was Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Joseph O'Toole.

She is survived by a daughter.

Smart Growth Seminar Use of native plants in commercial landscaping

Lori Slavich of Enchanted Earth will be the featured speaker at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's next Smart Growth Seminar Series

ter: Ann O'Toole of Austin, Tx. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2000 at Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi. The Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Biloxi is in charge of arrangements.

EVELYN RODGERS
Evelyn Rodgers, 63, of Kiln, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000, in Kiln.

Mrs. Rodgers was a native of Oklahoma and was a resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wheeler and Helen Cagle Cagle and by a brother.

Survivors include her husband, Troy H. Rodgers of Kiln; four children, Lynn Williams of Candor, N.C.; Roland Johnson of Salina, Okla.; Debbie Myers of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Vicky Rodgers of Bay St. Louis; four sisters, four brothers, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday in the chapel of Breckenridge Funeral Services in Pass Christian. Burial followed in Standard Sandhill Cemetery.

BEVERLYN WILLIAMS
Beverlyn D. Williams, 42, of Gulfport, died Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, in Gulfport.

Ms. Williams was a native and resident of Gulfport. She was a 1976 graduate of Gulfport High School and was a student of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. She was a member of Mercy Seat Baptist Church in Gulfport where she was a member of the Junior Mission Auxiliary and the Inspirational Choir.

Survivors include a daughter, Krystal Williams; her mother, Geraldine Jones; her stepfather, Lawrence Jones; her father, Isaac Williams; her stepmother, Joann Williams, all of Gulfport; a brother, Isaac Steven Williams of Leakeville; a sister, Cynthia Walker of Pass Christian; and two stepbrothers, Clifford James of Gulfport and Richard James of England.

Services were conducted Friday at Mercy Seat Baptist Church in Gulfport. Burial was in Monroe Memorial Park in Landon. J.T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

Open house September 19 at Allied Health Center

Pearl River Community College's Forrest County campus is hosting an open house in the Allied Health Center from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Tours will be provided, and faculty and staff will be available to answer questions about the various technical and vocational programs that are offered.

The programs include Occupational Therapy Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technology, Dental Hygiene, Respiratory Care Practitioner, Practical Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Surgical Technologist, Dental Assisting and Radiologic Technology.

Earlier Tuesday the center is hosting an Allied Health Secondary Tour Day, when more than 10 high schools from around the PRCC six-county

district tour the allied health programs. The six counties include Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Jefferson Davis, Pearl River and Hancock.

"Since we were already set up for the four day for our schools, we thought we would host an open house later that day so parents and visitors can come and learn information about the programs we offer," said Dr. Cecil Burt, director of the Forrest County Vo-Tech Center.

"Parents and spouses can come by and ask questions of the teachers, visit each of the programs, learn the entrance requirements and the job opportunities that are out there."

PRCC's Forrest County campus is located on U.S. 49 South. For information, call 554-5555 or 554-5500.

Wear a T-shirt for the March of Dimes to help save babies

It's a simple way to help Mississippi's children. Buy a T-shirt and wear it on a designated day to show your support in the fight against birth defects.

There are more than 3,000 different types of birth defects that change lives of Mississippi families every day. There are simple ways that you can decrease the risks of having a child with birth defects and the March of Dimes is working very hard to help with programming efforts in our community and education for those that need it.

We are also making great strides in research. In the past five years we have discovered that Folic Acid a B-vitamin taken daily by women of child-bearing age can decrease the risk of having a child with neural-tube defects like spina bifida by as much as 75%.

There is more good news. A March of Dimes grantee has discovered a cure for hemophilia in mice which is just a short step away from a cure for humans.

We have also had marked success locating the gene responsible for retinitis pigmentosa (RP); the most common form of inherited blindness.

RP is the general name for a group of degenerative eye diseases that affects about 400,000 Americans and about one in 3,500 individuals worldwide. The disease is marked by deterioration of the retina, the tissue that lines the inside of the back of the eye.

The most common first symptom is night blindness. As the disease progresses, sight is lost from the sides or from above and below. Finding the gene that causes the disease is a crucial step in finding a cure. As you can plainly see your money is being put to good use.

Mississippi does, however, have few areas of concern, which we need to focus on. We have the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the country and because of that, Mississippi's women are at a higher risk of premature labor which increases

es the percentage of having a child with special needs.

For more information on how you can participate in Blue Jeans for Babies contact the March of Dimes at 228-896-0886.

The Mississippi Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation invites you to apply for a March of Dimes grant award for the Year 2000 Grant Period.

To carry out the March of Dimes mission of improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality, grants are awarded to applicants seeking to fund programs that correlate with issues identified in the March of Dimes needs assessment.

The March of Dimes will consider grants for community service and educational programs that address one or more of the following target areas:

1. Increasing the number of women who obtain early prenatal care
2. Improving pre-conceptual healthy education among women, including folic acid education
3. Supporting continued maternal-child healthy education among nurses and other health professionals
4. Implementing maternal-child healthy worksite education programs that address areas such as prenatal care, unintended pregnancies and the mature gravida
5. Reducing racial disparity in maternal and infant health outcomes
6. Reducing high risk behaviors that affect maternal-child health such as smoking, alcohol, drug use and unprotected sex.

For more information regarding applying for a March of Dimes grant, contact Rhonda Smith, March of Dimes director of Program Services and Communications, at 800-842-5117 or e-mail: rsmith@modimes.org.

For information on becoming involved with the March of Dimes, contact Lisa Bradley at 228-896-0886 or lbradley@modimes.org.

Hearing for building code is Thursday at Kiln library

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing for 6:30 p.m. this Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Kiln Public Library to discuss a county-wide building code. Members of the Hancock

County Chamber of Commerce board approved a resolution in January endorsing a county-wide building code, saying it would promote "the social, civic and economic well-being of the county."

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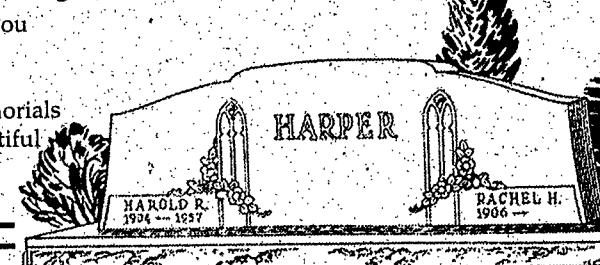
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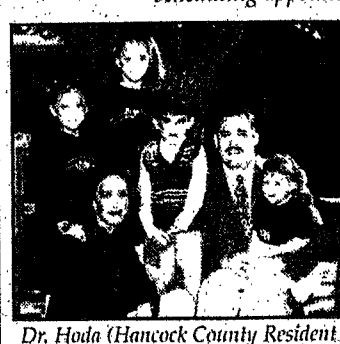
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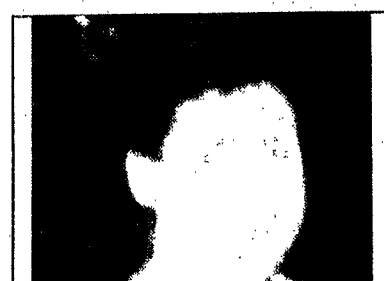
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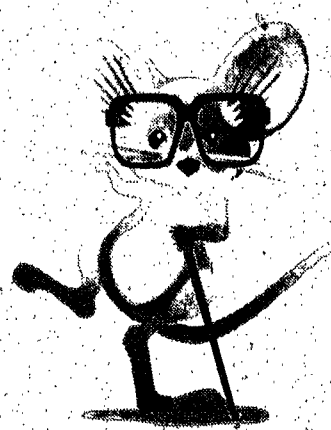
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Russell-Blass-Walker Chapter meeting

The Russell-Blass-Walker Chapter of the American Inns of Court, named in part for United States District Court Judge Dan M. Russell, Jr., held its first meeting of the fiscal year, 2000-2001, on July 21 at Anthony's Under the Oaks in Ocean Springs.

The new officers were presented to the membership and guests.

They are Patricia H. Willis, president; Judge Louis Guirola, counselor/president-elect; Jessica Upshaw, secretary; James Heidelberg, treasurer; Horace Scruggs, historian; Marty Warren, program chair; and Tom Carpenter, membership chair.

Outgoing officers were recog-

nized for their many accomplishments and were each presented an American Inns of Court pin.

Tom Carpenter spoke of the excellent ideas and guidance provided by outgoing president, Judge Robert H. Walker.

Patricia H. Willis presented Judge Walker with an American Inns of Court plaque.

Local judges and attorneys who are members of this chapter of the American Inns of Court are Ronnie Artigues, Dan M. Russell, Jr., Horace Scruggs, Elise Sims, Harry Ward, Patricia H. Willis and Terese T. Wyly.

The next meeting of the local chapter is Sept. 21 at the Great Southern Club in Gulfport.



Incoming president, Patricia H. Willis, presents plaque to outgoing president, Judge Robert H. Walker.

USM Institute, Sea Grant to offer latest word on 'invading' jellyfish in Gulf waters

BILOXI -- Mississippi and Alabama scientists will be on hand with the latest word on the recent jellyfish invasion of northern Gulf of Mexico waters in a free presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Scott Aquarium here.

The University of Southern Mississippi Institute of Marine Sciences and the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium will host a multi-media program at the aquarium. The presentation "Diaphanous Denizens from Down Under" will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to visit the aquarium and see living specimens of the jellyfish invaders.

Scientists from the USM Institute's Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, Dauphin Island Sea Lab in Alabama and the Mississippi

Department of Marine Resources will provide a look at the invasion, biology of the species and what the future may hold. Presenting will be Harriet Perry, director of the USM Center for Fisheries and Research Development at GCRL; Monty Graham, senior marine scientist at DISL; and Tommy VanDevender, a DMR director of marine fisheries.

The species of Australian jellyfish, *Phyllorhiza punctata*, has appeared in the Gulf in huge concentrations this sum-

mer, clogging up shrimp nets and possibly eating their way through the base of the food chain in Mississippi waters. Perry said the species has been in the Caribbean for some time.

The scientists hypothesize that the jellyfish first came into the Caribbean through the Panama Canal, probably in a polyp stage as hitchhikers on the hulls of ships. The jellyfish began to show up in large numbers in June, evidently entering Gulf waters from the Caribbean with the Loop Current. An eddy formed and pinched off from the current, pushing the jellyfish into the northern Gulf.

They appear to be thriving in the nutrient-rich waters of the northern Gulf and are growing up to two feet in diameter, three and four times the size they average in the Caribbean.

Perry, Graham and VanDevender are documenting the species' presence in the northern Gulf. The Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, the USM Institute of Marine Sciences, DISL and the Mississippi DMR have been involved in the research and monitoring efforts. The scientists have collected plankton in barrier island passes and in areas where there are dense concentrations of jellyfish.

"This is the time of the year when we have a lot of zooplank-

ton in the water column," Perry said. "We have historical data on the abundance and distribution of zooplankton in barrier island passes. Because the jellyfish are filter feeders, we want to see if we can detect any impact on zooplankton abundance."

'Marshal' Pate now helping sheriff's dept.

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Two vehicles were stolen in two unrelated incidents Tuesday and early Wednesday, Chief Investigator Bob Lambert of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department said yesterday.

Both vehicles were recovered within minutes of each incident.

On Tuesday afternoon, a 1992 Nissan pickup belonging to an employee at Smith and Smith Aircraft on Road C at Stennis International Airport was reported missing.

While the owner of the vehicle was giving an officer a report, the department received a radio call from Hancock County Fire Marshall Richard Pate, who said that he had intercepted the stolen vehicle at 603 and Rocky Hill-Dedeaux Rd. Pate said he just happened to be in the area.

A juvenile who is a student at Hancock County High School was in possession of the truck

and admitted taking it "for a ride home," Lambert said.

The juvenile was brought to the Hancock County Justice Facility and charged with possession of stolen property and released in the custody of his parents, Lambert said.

Another incident occurred at about 2:30 a.m. yesterday at the Brass Anchor on Hwy. 90. Two men, Jimmy Boone, an alleged homeless man from Wilson, North Carolina and Albert Schmitt of New Orleans were drinking together when a disturbance took place said Lambert. Boone wanted to leave the premises but Schmitt wanted to stay. When Boone became arrogant Schmitt gave Boone the keys to his car so he could go sit in the car and wait for him, but instead Boone left in Schmitt's vehicle Lambert said.

Boone was apprehended in Schmitt's vehicle near the entrance to Stennis Space Center shortly after the incident. An investigation is pending Lambert said.

8-40 Salon 218 selects officers for 2000-2001

The Departmental Marche 8-40, a womens branch of the American Legion Auxiliaries, was held in Pascagoula in August. Those attending from Salon 218 were Phyllis Moran, Jane Snouffer, Joyce Bermond, Beatrice Ladner, Retta Cardin, Billie Tudury, Janet Aime, Annie Powell and Shirley Byrd. Phyllis Moran was elected vice-chapeau; Jane Snouffer, sgt.-at-arms.

8-40 Salon 218 also held its regular meeting on Aug. 24 in the American Legion Club House 139. Beatrice Ladner installed officers for 2000-01:

Jane Snouffer, chapeau; Billie Tudury, demi-chapeau; Retta Cardin, demi-chapeau deauxieme; Beatrice Ladner, l'archiviste; Marion Foucha, l'aumonier; Joyce Ladner, la concierge. Appointed officers were Phyllis Moran, le secretaire; Cassiere Marius Ladner, l'avocate; Lucille Boudreaux, surintendante; Mattie North, Children and Youth; Beatrice Ladner, fellowship; Janet Aime, constitution and by-laws; Marius Ladner, finance; Annie Powell, nurse's scholarship; Phyllis Moran, partnership; Janell Necasie, publicity.



Class of '65

Attorneys Dick Bennett, left, and Mac Haas reminisce about "the good old days" in law school at Ole Miss. Both men were members of the graduating class of January 1965. Bennett now serves as president of the Mississippi Bar Association meeting last Monday.

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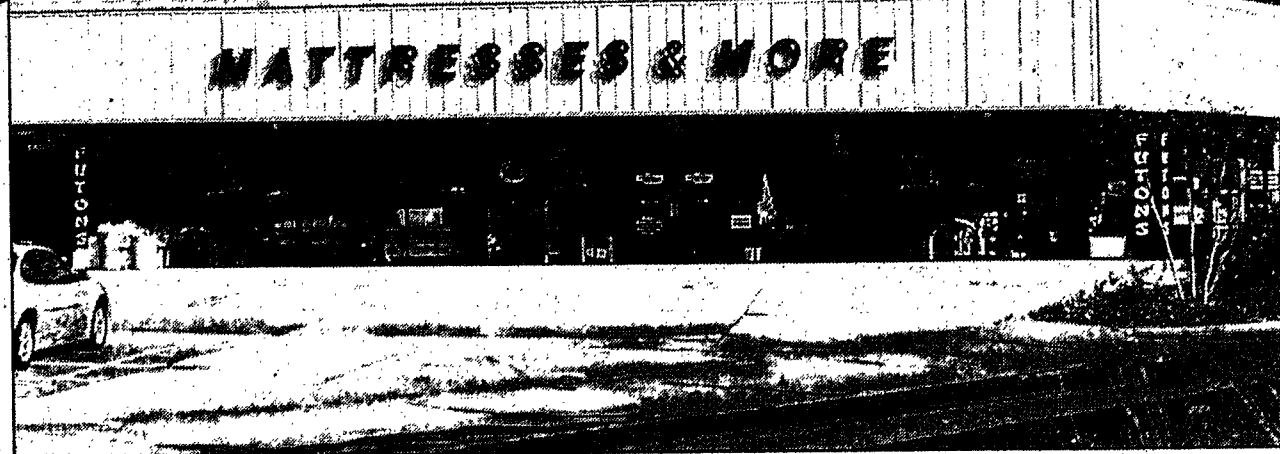
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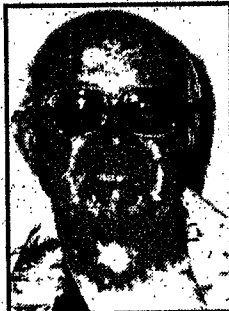
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Tom Harrison

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2000

OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

There was a great turnout for the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours sponsored by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission Thursday night.

It was good to see so many folks at the Stennis International Airport.

Everyone enjoyed the snacks compliments of Jitney Jungle, Bay St. Louis.

Thanks goes to those whose made viewing of the jet and prop air planes possible. The jets created a lot of interest.

I know that Hal Walters, P&H director, the commissioners, and Bill Cotter, airport director, were all smiles at the interest given by the general public. Many folks who were there had never visited our local airport.

With the addition of much equipment and more to come, traffic at Stennis will continue to increase.

It is less than one month, October 5, 6 and 7, for the annual Cruisin' the Coast 2000.

In preparation for the 4,500-5,000 vintage vehicles, Bay St. Louis officials are trying to make sure everything will go as smoothly as possible.

Last Wednesday evening and again on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 5:30 p.m., a public meeting will be held at the Bay City Hall Annex for business owners and residents of the Main Street area. The meeting is to explain how the city plans to have off-site parking and how it will work for the business owners.

Only a limited number of streets will be closed, primarily Beach Boulevard from Uman Avenue to Court Street, Main Street from Beach to Toomey, with Second Street intersection of Main Street open, and Court and Gex streets by the courthouse closed. Assistant Bay Police Chief Dave Stepro said the street closings will begin at 8:45 a.m. each day of the Cruisin' the Coast.

The autos will be on display on Main Street and Beach Boulevard in addition to the grounds of the Bay St. Louis Depot. There will be no other vehicles on the Depot grounds, only the vintage ones.

We will be giving you more information on the Cruisin' the Coast as the time nears.

This is a reminder about the Our Lady Academy's International Food Fest which will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 6-8 on the OLG/OLA grounds on South Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis.

We will give you more information on the Food Fest at a later date.

Congratulations are in order for Waveland Attorney Lucien Gex Jr. on having Waveland's Coleman Avenue Park named in his honor.

The dedication was Saturday a week ago. Lucien has been the Waveland City attorney almost as long as I can remember. He was really the only practicing attorney in Waveland when he began with the city.

Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo was able to keep the event a secret to Lucien, which added to the excitement.

Congratulations, Lucien, you deserve the honor.

The past few months have really been busy for local governmental agencies as they have been preparing the budgets for the next fiscal year which begins on October 1.

This annual project extends the amount of time our elected leaders have to spend at their respective offices (even though most are part-time positions) to address the budget requests from the various departments.

Budgeting is not an easy process, and it takes a lot of time and input to prepare.

Keep up the good work, folks.

The modernization of Mississippi's municipal laws

It was 1950. Finally, the rural-minded Legislature paid some attention to the existence of Mississippi's 265 cities and towns, and the patchwork of laws they struggled

under.

They didn't even hold elections the same year, some had two-year terms, others four years.

Worse, however, the state's municipalities desperately needed some permanent new source of revenue other than unpopular property taxes to meet the rising demand for better services heaped upon them following World War II.

Prior to then, lawmakers had let the cities mostly shift for themselves on a diet of ad valorem taxes, a field of taxation counter-productive to their economic development.

A joint municipal legislative study committee brought back a

plan to the 1950 Legislature, most of which the lawmakers adopted, giving cities and towns a badly-needed uniform set of new laws to run their affairs.

But the Legislature gave them precious little to solve their money plight on a permanent basis.

Town folks would have to struggle financially a few years longer before lawmakers would finally turn over a share of state tax sources to the growing municipalities. It was like deja vu for me the other day to sit down at

lunch with two ex-legislators of 1950 vintage, who, somewhat remarkably, were two of the six members of the joint legislative

municipal study committee that modernized Mississippi's municipal laws.

Both of them were in the House back then—David Gross, then a member from Jones County, and H. M. Ray, then from Alcorn County—who had been chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Joint Municipal Study Committee.

Both are lawyers—Gross is still practicing—and now live in Jackson. Ray, some will remember, had become United States Attorney for North Mississippi after leaving the legislature, and was at the center of the federal government's legal warfare in Oxford when James Meredith's enrollment at Ole Miss sparked a campus riot.

Noteworthy, the 1950 Municipal study committee was a "joint" committee, made up equally of House and Senate

members. Back then, whenever the Legislature tackled any major legislative reform, it created a joint study committee to bring back a program. And some landmark things got done that way.

Sadly, since 1980, when Speaker Buddie Newman and Lt. Gov. Brad Dye were vying to be top gun at the Capitol, each branch has gone its separate way, creating study committees made up only of its own members. Almost inevitably, neither house has gone along with programs the other produced.

While the Legislature in 1950 failed to give all the cities and towns financial relief, it did authorize 12 of the largest municipalities to levy a half-cent local sales tax by election, a foot-in-the-door for municipalities to eventually share in the state sales tax.

By the latter 1950s, practical-

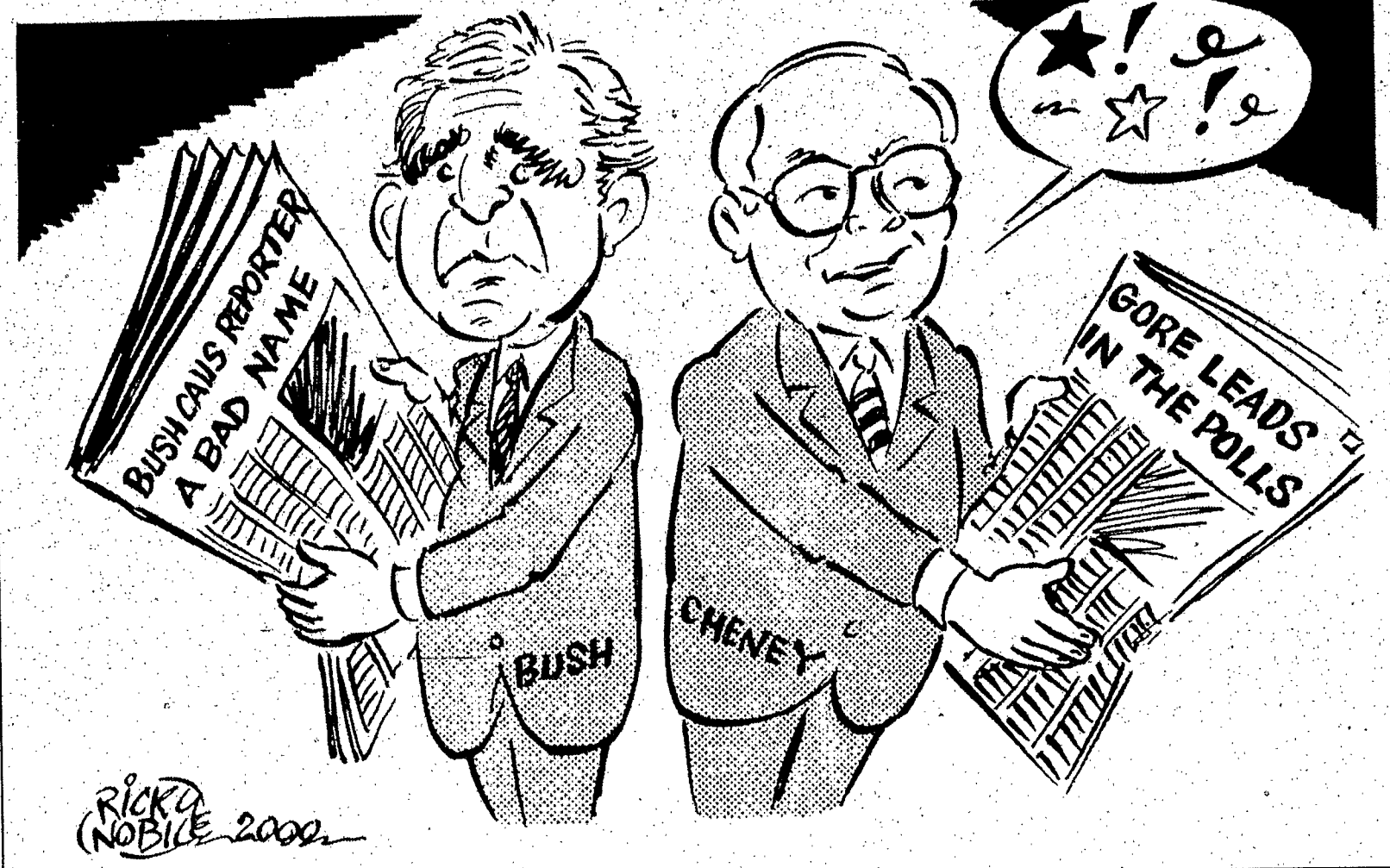
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Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



SOMETHING TO CUSS ABOUT



Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Congress controls taxes, not the president

To the Editor:

This is some of my observations about current events. Tell me if you think I'm wrong.

The human genome project, about our genes, will probably make it easier for the doctors and pharmaceutical companies to cure people after they get sick, but the right kind and amount of food and the right kind of amount of activity, both physically and mentally, with entertainment, relaxation and sleep will probably continue to

keep a person healthy.

The two leading contenders running for president keep talking about how much of the surplus taxes that were collected should be returned to those who paid those taxes.

The only option a president has, is to sign or veto legislation that was passed by Congress.

I haven't heard anybody say anything about all this.

Bill Quandt
Bayside Park

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TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
COUNTIES

Q May a county tax collector sell surrendered and outdated automobile tags to be recycled?

A Yes, pursuant to the following procedure. The State Tax Commission requires that such tags must be destroyed.

The tax collector must submit a list of the tags to be destroyed to the chancery clerk for certification and approval by the board of supervisors.

The board of supervisors can then authorize the destruction

of the tags by selling for recycling.

However, the tax collector must be satisfied that the tags are in fact destroyed by recycling. The proceeds from the sale must be deposited into the county's general fund.

(Attorney General's opinion to Fortenberry dated March 16, 1984, and Mississippi State Tax Commission Memo dated May, 1995)

Q May any constable serve process anywhere in the county?

A Yes. A constable has jurisdiction countywide and may serve process anywhere in the county. (Attorney General's opinion to White dated May 26, 2000)

Q How much may a juror be paid for mileage?

A A juror may be paid the amount authorized under 25-3-41, which is \$.20/mile, or the federal mileage rate if the board of supervisors has entered an order allowing the federal rate. (\$ 25-7-61)

Q Must the board of supervisors obtain an appraisal prior to negotiating to purchase real property?

A Yes, Section 43-37-3 requires that supervisors obtain an appraisal prior to negotiating to acquire real property and that the owner is to be notified of the appraised fair market value.

However, the owner has the option of selling for less than the appraised fair market value after said notification.

Knights of Columbus install new officers

The Knights of Columbus, Pere Le Duc Council No. 1522, Main Street, Bay St. Louis opened its 2000-01 year with the Installation of Officers ceremony in July 2000.

Pictured are the current year's officers led by Sir Edward Renz II and Sir Bill Kane.

Also pictured, giving a stirring, inspirational address on our goals, is Sir Teddy Morel.



Our main objective this year is to welcome each practicing Catholic, eighteen years of age and older, (men or women) within our community to join our membership. By doing so we can all share our Christian faith more fully, as we actively participate in Family/Youth, Community, Spiritual/Church, and Charity oriented activities.

Although our hall is in the Bay, we consider our community to extend west to Pearllington, roughly along Highway 90, and we do welcome our neighbors.

\$1.5 million grant awarded to USM GC Research Laboratory

Federal funding totaling \$1,523,800 has been awarded to the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's marine fisheries program.

"Federal funding for Mississippi's universities has doubled in recent years," Senator Trent Lott said in a release Friday.

"Research grants of this type and magnitude play a key role in improving our state's educational system, which in turn will make our state more competitive in the fight for better jobs."

The objective of this project is the refinement, field testing and demonstration of a successful marine fishery stock management program for the U.S. coastal Gulf of Mexico that blends aquaculture technology with traditional fishery management practices. Red Snapper is the focus species. The funding will be administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

"The unique marine life of the Mississippi Gulf Coast is important to the Coast's residents and economy," Lott continued. "Advanced fisheries management practices can help to better maintain a sound balance - preserving the Red Snapper fishery and sustaining the interest of both recreational and commercial fishermen."

Southern Miss recruitment

The University of Southern Mississippi will hold a Gulf Coast Areawide Recruitment Night event at 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Markham Building in Gulfport. All prospective students, parents, teachers, counselors and alumni are invited to participate.

For information, contact the Southern Miss Office of Admissions at (601) 266-5000.

Eyes

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ly all municipalities were allowed to put on first a half cent sales tax, and later that was increased to a 1 cent local sales tax.

That's the way it stayed until 1982 when the state sales tax rate was raised to 6 per cent, and city sales taxes were eliminated. But a fixed percentage of state sales tax receipts was diverted to the cities. Finally they had a permanent tax source.

The percentage of state sales tax receipts diverted to cities was revised several times, and now stands at 18.5 per cent, based on sales in each city. Last year the municipalities got a total of \$279 million from the sales tax.

While the state had 265 municipalities 50 years ago, it now has 298 cities and towns, three or four new ones being incorporated since 1990. The newest one is Snow Lake Shores, formed in Benton, County (close to Memphis) in

1996. Fifty years ago when the municipal study was done, there was no Pearl, Miss. in Rankin County. Today it is a city of 25,000-plus, bigger than such old cities as Greenwood, which once was a Delta "metropolis" when cotton was king.

Mississippi is still regarded as a rural state, but citizens get more direct governmental service from their cities and towns than anywhere else.

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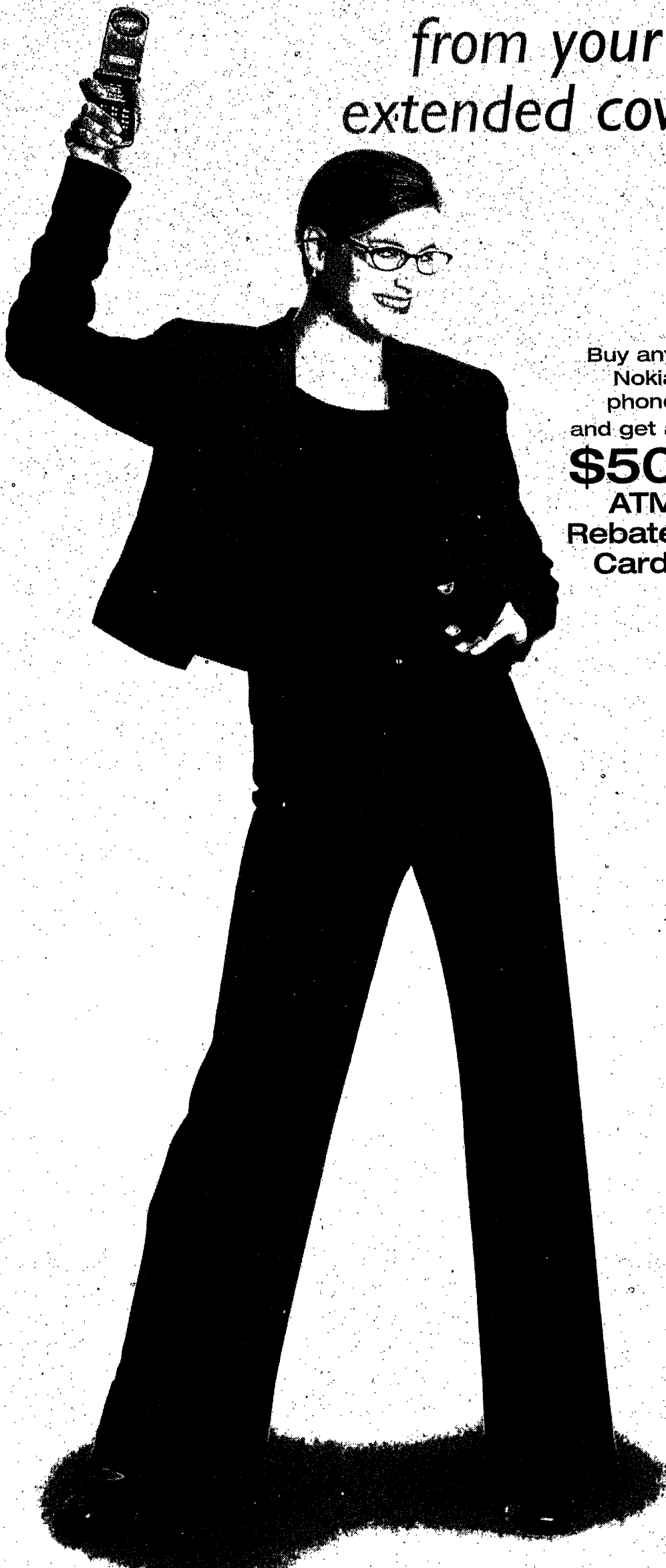
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SPORTS

Cannon & Santiago explode in SSC's 40-27 win over d'Iberville Warriors

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

For the second consecutive week, the second half of the game has been better than the first for the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws. On Friday night in d'Iberville, the Rocks wreaked havoc on the 17th ranked Warriors 40-27 holding them to just six points and 78 yards of total offense in the second half. SSC, on the other hand, rolled up 204 yards of total offense and 30 points in the third and fourth quarters.

It was also the first time SSC had won at Warrior Stadium since 1965 and moved their series record with d'Iberville to a 12-7 mark. With the win, the Rocks upped their season record to 2-2 after starting the season out at 0-2. In the game, Jason Santiago passed for 155 yards on 10 of 19 and three scores while Kris Cannon racked up 142 yards rushing on 23 carries and two scores. Grady Willis hauled in two scoring catches and 65 yards in receptions.

SSC head coach Dave Kenyon stated, "What else can you say, the players just don't quit. Plus, it was just a great ball game from both teams. In the first half, we stopped ourselves. We told the players at halftime that the plays worked if we could just cut down on the mistakes. We played with a better focus in the second half and our defense made some great adjustments

in the second half. I have to credit that to Coach Stan Dellenger and his defensive coaches. Initially, d'Iberville wanted to stop Cannon. That left some holes for the passing game. We knew we needed some time for Jason Santiago to throw the ball. The young offensive line did a good job of protecting him. We told our receivers that we were going to keep throwing the ball to them and to forget the dropped balls in the first half."

"Now, we have to face Hancock. They are probably the best team in the district and are playing extremely well. We will have to elevate ourselves even more to play on their level. It will be a battle with them next week."

The Rocks lit the scoreboard first with a 35-yard field from Taylor LaFontaine with 10:51 left in the first quarter. SSC put themselves in scoring position when the Rocks recovered a loose ball on the opening kickoff at the Warrior 22 yardline. A Rock motion penalty nullified a Grady Willis 12-yard reverse for touchdown forcing the LaFontaine field goal.

The Warriors wasted no time in putting points on the board driving 74 yards in 11 plays. The Warriors grounded out the yards and capped the drive off with a Cole Franks' one-yard plunge with 4:55 left in the

opening quarter. Darren McCaleb connected on the PAT making the score 7-3.

SSC went right back to work and took the lead back when Santiago found Grady Willis for a 16-yard scoring pass with 2:43 left in the first quarter. The play capped a drive consisting of six plays including two runs by Cannon of 18 and 22 yards. LaFontaine nailed the PAT making the score 10-7.

Two possessions later, d'Iberville's Torey Staten broke free on a 22-yard run for a touchdown with 10:33 left to play in the first half. The run polished off a quick three-play drive after a blocked Rock punt recovered at the SSC 48 yardline. McCaleb connected on the PAT and made the score 14-10.

The Rocks weren't able to convert on their next possession and punted away to the Warriors. Keeping the ball on the ground, the Warriors moved 62 yards in seven plays with quarterback Nick Ladner capping off the drive with a three-yard plunge. McCaleb connected on the PAT and with 4:42 left in the first half the Warriors were up 21-10. The two teams traded possessions to end the first half of play.

Just like last week against the Bearcats of Long Beach, the Rocks came out with a vengeance in the second half. SSC started the half on offense and wasted little time in finding the endzone. Just five plays into the third quarter, Santiago found Sean Benoit for a 22-yard score. The touchdown capped a 65-yard drive for St. Stanislaus. LaFontaine made good on the PAT and the score was 21-17 with 10:11 left in the third quarter.

It took just two plays for d'Iberville to stretch the lead back out after the ensuing kickoff. Carlton Cotton ran on both

plays for the Warriors gaining 45 yards on the first play and 17 yards on the second. Cotton's second carry scored for d'Iberville with 9:52 left in the third quarter. A bad snap forced the Warriors into a two-point conversion that was stopped by the Rocks leaving the score at 27-17.

The Rocks got a break on the Warriors' next possession. SSC's defense came up with an emotional series led by Cameron Byrne and Hunter Dawkins. A high snap forced McCaleb to fall on the loose ball at his own three yardline. On the next play, SSC's Cannon scored from three yards out with 4:17 left in the third quarter. LaFontaine connected on the PAT making the score 27-24.

The Rock defense held tough on the next series and the Rocks received great field position at the Warrior 34 yardline following a shanked Warrior punt.

The Rocks needed only four plays to find the endzone. Santiago capped the drive with a 33-yard scoring pass to Grady Willis with :03 left to play in third quarter. LaFontaine made good on the PAT and the score was 31-27.

The Rocks' defense, led once again by Byrne and Joe Bruno, forced the Warriors into a fourth and 12 situation. On the punt, SSC defensive end Kit Stovall broke through the line and blocked McCaleb's punt. Joe Bruno fell on the loose ball as it rolled out of the back of the endzone for a Rock safety. With 10:14 left to play in the game the Rocks were up 33-27.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Rocks went 35 yards in six plays for the kill. Cannon busted loose following a lead block by Byrne for a 16-yard score with 8:05 left to play in the game. LaFontaine made the final PAT



Echo staff photo by Joe Gex

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws held the d'Iberville Warriors at bay Friday night, eventually defeating them 40-27.

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On the ensuing drive, the Warriors made a valiant effort for the endzone gaining four first downs before being intercepted by Rock defender Brandon Rayborn at the Rock 15 yardline. SSC used the bruising running of Cannon to run the clock out for the victory.

SSC senior quarterback Jason Santiago talked about the come-from-behind win. "It seems like we are a second half team. We were able to put it together in quarters three and four. In the second half, our wide receivers Grady and Gabe Willis and Sean Benoit ran well

after the catch and our offensive line blocked really well. I have to take helmet off to Neil Favre, Hunter Dawkins, Frederick Mallini, Louis West, Joe Bruno, and the others who protected me tonight. Our wide receivers are starting to gel as a unit. It takes a little time with the offense we run. Our offense runs so many different routes that it takes some time. Kris Cannon ran very hard tonight to take a little pressure off of the receivers, as well."

The Rocks will travel to Kiln next Friday to tangle with the Hancock Hawks in the district opener for each school. Game time is scheduled for 7:30pm.

Harmon Forecast

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Sunday and Monday, Sept. 17-18

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The Bills won at home, 17-3, then the Jets won at home, 17-10, to clinch the AFC East title. The Jets' defense held the Bills to just three of its last four against NY.

AFC 17
The Jets' third in a row from the Patriots, 27-20. The Jets' defense held the Patriots to just three of its last four against NY.

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Individual tickets are now on sale for all 36 Sea Wolves home games.

The 2000-2001 season begins Oct. 12 in the Wolves Den against cross town rivals the Mobile Mysticks.

The home schedule and game times can be accessed on line at www.msseawolves.com or by contacting the Sea Wolves office at 388-6151.

For the first time, Sea Wolves fans will be able to purchase their individual game tickets on line through the Sea Wolves web site.

Tickets will still be available through all TicketMaster locations and through the Sea Wolves office. Michele Boudreaux, Sea Wolves ticket manager, can be reached at 388-6151 ext. 28.

Arthritis golf tournament at Bridges, September 30

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Gulf Coast Arthritis Foundation is soliciting golfers for its first annual "Links for Joints" tournament scheduled at the Bridges Golf Course, at Casino Magic Saturday, Sept. 30.

Branch Manager and organizer Phyllis Goodyear said there is still time for individual entries. The cost for an individual is \$100 and for a team of four, \$300. The cost includes green fees, a golf cart, lunch on the links, and trophy presentation ceremonies.

Diamond sponsors with two teams and eight players contribute \$3,000; Gold sponsors with a team of four players, \$1,500; Silver sponsors with two players, \$600; and a hole sponsor with one player is \$300. Goodyear said Charlie Henderson Ford has agreed to donate a 2000 Ford Escort ZX2 to the person shooting a hole in one on the 12th hole. Other prizes include a Marriott Vacation, courtesy of Gulf Coast Medical Center, for the person

making a hole in one on hole number 7. Funds raised will be used to provide local programs, services and educational forums to improve the quality of life for those in the Gulf Coast community suffering from various forms of arthritis.

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SPORTS

Pirates fall to St. John Eagles 20-6 for first loss

STEVE SMITH

Contributing Writer

The Pass Christian Pirates suffered their first loss of the 2000-2001 football season at the hands of the St. John Eagles Friday night at McDonald Stadium in Pass Christian.

Outstanding defense kept the Pirates in the game, but five fumbles stalled their offense and handed the Eagles good field position all night, resulting in two easy scores.

The Eagles returned the opening kickoff to their 41-yard line where quarterback Thad Rhodes set up the offense, but the Pirates held thanks to key plays by Andrew Moffett and Revell Thomas. St. John's punt rolled into the endzone for a touchdown and the Pirates' offense went to work from their 20-yard line. The Eagles gave up nothing, and on fourth-and-eleven Calvin Woods punted short, setting St. John up at the Pirate 28-yard line. The Pirates pushed the Eagles back to the 31, but on fourth-and-thirteen, Rhodes set up what appeared to be a screen pass to John Brogden, who then threw downfield to Dwayne Carter for a touchdown. The point-after failed and the Eagles led 6 to 0

with 4:39 left in the first quarter.

The Pirates fumbled on the kickoff return and St. John's offense took the field at the Pass High 24-yard line. Don Herrien picked up 12 yards and a first down and Dwayne Carter added nine more before Rhodes dove into the endzone for St. John's second score. The point after again failed and the Eagles led 12 to 0.

The Pirates could not mount a drive on their next possession and turned the ball over on downs. St. John fumbled following that exchange, and the Pirates managed a 43-yard drive to the Eagle 30-yard line thanks to Woods rushing for eight and passing for 32 yards to Richard Dedeaux. A Pirate fumble ended that drive, but the defense rose to the challenge and stopped the Eagles on fourth-and-five from the Pass Christian 26, with John Cuevas making the stop.

The Pirates fumbled again on their next possession, but a Calvin Woods interception ended a St. John drive just as the half ended.

Mishandling the second-half kickoff, the Pirates gave the Eagles another scoring opportunity



#32 halfback Andrew Moffett leads the blocking for quarterback Calvin Woods.

which they quickly converted, Rhodes running for the touchdown with 8:33 left in the third quarter. A two-point conversion brought the score to St. John 20, Pass Christian 0.

The Pirates held St. John scoreless for the remainder of the game and marched 90 yards to score with 3:04 left to play. After recovering an Eagle fumble at their ten yardline, Woods, Moffett and Hardnet carried the Pirates to the St. John 36. Facing fourth-and-eleven, Moffett tossed to Richard Dedeaux on a halfback pass

good for 36 yards and a touchdown. Andy Barnard's point-after attempt was blocked. The Pirates on-side kick was covered by St. John. The Eagles marched to Pass Christian's 35-yardline before giving the ball over on downs. Three long passes failed as time ran out, and the Pirates fell to 3 and 1. Coach Vonderbreugge lamented, "You just can't turn the ball over five times to a team like St. John". The Pirates hope to bounce back against Tylertown next Friday in this season's first district contest.

Eagles face challenging basketball schedule

A pair of early regular-season tournaments, a trio of home games against top teams in Conference USA, and at least 12 games, possibly 14, against postseason, tournament teams from last season highlight the 2000-2001 University of Southern Mississippi basketball schedule released Sept. 13 by Head Coach James Green, and Athletic Director Richard Giannini.

Green's Eagles open the regular season Nov. 17-18, in the John Thompson Foundation Classic at the University of Arkansas. That field will feature Tennessee State, Louisiana Tech and host Arkansas in addition to Southern Miss.

The Eagles also will play in the Tribune Cyclone Tournament at Iowa State, Dec. 1-2, in a field that includes Southern, of Baton Rouge, Western Illinois, and host Iowa State, along with USM.

Southern Miss will meet Louisiana Tech in the first round of the Arkansas event and Western Illinois in the Iowa State tourney opener.

In addition to a pair of pre-season exhibition games, the Eagles will host Cincinnati, DePaul, and Louisville as part of their 14-game home schedule. All three were postseason teams last season.

In fact, no fewer than 10 2000-01 Golden Eagle opponents

played either in the NCAA (six) or NIT (four) tournaments. Possible early season tournament opponents Arkansas and Iowa State also were NCAA Tournament participants. Other 1999-00 postseason teams include Auburn, Louisiana, Lafayette, and Saint Louis, all NCAA teams; along with Charlotte, Marquette, South Florida, and Tulane in the NIT.

The Eagles will play six home games against postseason teams from last season - Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisville (NCAA teams), and South Florida and Tulane (NIT teams).

Green sees the schedule as a plus for his Golden Eagles. "The tournaments will be early season challenges for us and will give us a good indication of where we are, and what we need to do to get where we want to be," Southern Miss' fifth-year head coach said.

"This also has to be by far the best home schedule we've played since I've been here. If I were a Golden Eagle fan, I would buy tickets and be at the games just because of the strength of our home schedule."

Giannini also sees the schedule as impressive. "In looking at past home schedules, this one has to rank among the best we've played here in recent years," he said.

Volleyball update

Bay High-Gulfport

The Bay High School Lady Tigers fell to the visiting Gulfport Lady Admirals, 15-11, 7-15, 1-15 Thursday night in district volleyball action. Shenma Ambrose scored ten points for Bay High.

The Lady Tigers will host the Pass Christian Lady Pirates Tuesday night in the Tiger Dome with the junior varsity contest set to start at 6pm.

OLA-Biloxi

Our Lady Academy won its ninth straight district volleyball game Thursday night with a 15-6, 15-13 victory over the visiting Biloxi Lady Indians. Katherine Milner, Julie Reboul and Keith Puckett scored five points each for the Crescents. The team is 10-2 overall and 9-0 in district.

In the junior varsity contest, OLA won 15-9, 15-11. Puckett scored 11 points and Jennifer Fortenberry had nine for the junior Crescents as they improved to 6-3 on the season.

OLA will travel to Pass Christian Thursday for a 6pm matchup with the Lady Pirates.

DWGAN winners

Winners for the following Diamondhead Nines golf events include:

Aug. 8 & 15 Eclectic

First Flight: Shirley Schaffer, Jeanette Sullivan, Donna Hanna

Second Flight: Bobbie Sorgenfrei, Sally Lindsley, Bettisue Hendrix

Third Flight: Betsy Lyons, Carrie Perkins, Lorraine Bourn

Chip-in: Betty Krieger

Aug. 22, 1 Club & Putter

First: Emmy Swink, Terrie Byrd, Kitty Gregoire

Second: Rosemary Garrison, Terry Settle

Third: Jeanette Sullivan, OK Sang Hall, Betsy Lyons

Chip-in: Donnie Hanna

Aug. 29 Scramble

First: Marge Dieball, Bettisue Hendrix, Mary Postier

Second: Carrie Perkins, Bobbie Sorgenfrei, Celeste Klein

Third: Shirley Smith, Ruth Moran, OK Sang Hall

Chip-in: Bobbie Sorgenfrei

Sept. 5 Trophy Day

First Flight: Low gross: OK Sang Hall; low net, Sally Lindsley; low putts, Carlene Smuck

Second Flight: Low gross, Bobbie Sorgenfrei; low net, Carrie Perkins; low putts, Jerry Ingraham

Third Flight: Low gross, Kitty Gregoire; low net, Mary Postier; low putts, Diana Johnson

Chip-ins: Charlene Smuck, Kitty Gregoire, Phyllis Dowell

DWGA results

Diamondhead Women's Golf Association Sept. 14 winners include:

First Flight: first, Christel Fritzsche; second, Jo Webre; third, Amy Swint

Second Flight: first, Debbie Cumberland; second, Marilyn Valentino; third, Betty Junker

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Gary Catalano runs for a first down

The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly at "The Nest"

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Contributing Writer

The 19th ranked Hancock Hawks looked as if they had taken a few lines from the Clint Eastwood movie "The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly" Friday night as the Ocean Springs Greyhounds invaded "The Nest."

The Good was a 21-14 victory over the Greyhounds, in which the Hawks had an inspired defensive performance in the second half.

The bad was four Hawk turnovers, including three in the second half.

The Ugly was 15 penalties on the Hawks for a total of 140 yards.

"I expected a good game, Ocean Springs has a lot of skilled players on both sides of the ball, I am surprised that they have not won a game yet this year," said Hancock head coach Walt Esslinger after the game Friday.

The Hawks were led by some aggressive defensive play. Gary Catalano was all over the field, as he collected 16 tackles, one sack, and five tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Tyler Hall had two interceptions, and six tackles; David Seal, Oren Lewis and Raymond Pecheu had six tackles each.

The Greyhounds jumped out of the gate, as they took the opening kickoff in at their own 21. The Greyhounds would march 14 plays, and eat up seven minutes of the first quarter clock before Marcus Battle ran in a one-yard touchdown. Jamie Nosck added the point-after, and the Greyhounds had taken a 7-0 lead.

The Hawks would answer with a nice drive of their own.

Chase Sackett took the kickoff in at his 16, and Sackett returned the ball 31 yards to the 47. Chris Goff had three runs to give the Hawks a first down at the Greyhound 36. Brandon Necaise then hit Keron Underwood for 11 yards on a screen pass, and the Hawks had another first down at the 25. Goff then got the call, and he ran untouched to the endzone from 25 yards. Sackett added the point-after, and with 1:53 to play in the first quarter the Hawks tied the score 7-7.

The Hawks special teams then forced a turnover, as David Seal made a big hit on Greyhound runner Andrew Crumbly. The ball popped free, and Sackett fell on the ball at the 31.

The Hawks would cash in quickly, as Necaise threw a deep pass to a wide open Patrick Cannon. Cannon hauled in the pass, and 31 yards later the Hawks had a touchdown. Sackett added the point-after, and the Hawks had a 14-7 lead.

The Greyhounds took advantage of a good kickoff return by Battle, as they drove for their next score. On the drive, James Moffit had a 22-yard run, and Idris Shabazz scored on a nine-yard run. Nosck added the point-after, and with 11:31 to

play in the half, the score was tied once again 14-14.

The Greyhounds tried a little trickery, as they attempted an on-sides kick. The Hawks recovered at the 46, as Catalano pounced on the loose ball.

It did not take long for the Hawks to capitalize. Necaise hit Cannon for 16 yards, and two plays later Goff exploded for a 29-yard touchdown run. Sackett added the point-after, and the Hawks retook the lead 21-14.

The Greyhound offense continued to roll, as they drove to the Hawks' 30 on their next drive. The Hawks then made a big play, as pressure from Seal, and Eric Underwood forced Battle to throw an interception to Tyler Hall.

The Hawks took over with 2:49 to play in the half, and they ran the clock out.

The Hawks received the ball first in the second half, as they took over at their own 12. The Hawks would move the ball out to the 50, before giving it up on a punt.

The Hawk defense made some adjustments and began to dominate the Greyhound attack. Catalano had a sack of Battle, and Pecheu made a stop on Shabazz to force a Greyhound punt. The Hawks would take over at the 37 with 3:56 remaining in the third.

The Hawk defense would then be called on again, as Goff fumbled a pitch and the Greyhounds recovered at the Hawk 41.

Catalano stopped Shabazz for a five-yard loss, and Battle threw two short passes to set up a fourth-and-four. Moffit got the call, but Lewis tripped Moffit up in the backfield, and the Hawks took over at the 35.

The two teams would then trade interceptions, and with just over seven minutes to play, the Greyhounds took over at their 36.

After a sack by Catalano, Battle connected with A.J. Denney for 14 yards. A face mask penalty on the Hawks gave the Greyhounds a first down at the 41. Shabazz then carried for 12 yards, and the Greyhounds had a first down at the 29. Catalano then took the Hawk defense on his shoulders and made two huge plays. On first down, Catalano stopped Moffit for a 10-yard loss, and on fourth-and-five, Catalano forced Dan O'Brien out of bounds two yards short of a first down. The Hawks would take over with 4:50 to play.

The Hawks would attempt to run out the clock, but disaster struck. As Goff tried to pick up extra yards, he was stripped of the ball, and the Greyhounds recovered at the 22.

With just over three minutes to play, the Hawk defense dug in for a final stand.

Shabazz picked up three yards as Zach Nelson made a nice stop, and then Seal had a big hit on Shabazz for a one-yard loss. A false-start penalty set up a critical third-and-eleven. Battle was equal to the

Pearl River falls to Holmes 26-14

The Pearl River Community College Wildcats fell from the ranks of the undefeated Thursday, falling to the Holmes Bulldogs 26-14 in Ras M. Branch Stadium, despite forcing four turnovers.

Wildcat defenders picked off three passes in the game, bringing their season total to 12 interceptions. PRCC has forced 16 turnovers for the year and leads the state with a plus-12 in turnover margin.

"I can't say enough about our defensive guys," said PRCC head coach Keith Daniels. "It's very disheartening when your defense plays well enough to win, but your offensive people can't produce enough points. We did some things well offensively at times, but had way too many breakdowns. Against a strong, talented defense like Holmes, you can't make mistakes like that."

The Wildcats played the game without the services of two-year starting fullback Avery Hatten of North Forrest, who was sidelined with a second-degree hamstring pull. "Avery is a big part of our offense. His size, strength, and experience would have helped immensely, but injuries are just a part of football," Daniels said. "Everybody deals with those kinds of situations."

Pearl River finished the night with a season-low 116 total yards (98 rush, 18 pass), while Holmes had 255 (160 rush, 95 pass). The Wildcats managed only five first downs, while the Bulldogs had nine.

PRCC's defense went to work early when defensive back Bobby Easley of Waxahachie,

Tenn., picked off quarterback J.P. Holly's second pass of the night at the Wildcat 35. Nine plays later, running back David Jackson of Forrest County AHS was stopped short on a fourth-and-one at the Bulldog 32. Two series later, Holly's one-yard plunge capped an 11-play, 73-yard drive in the final seconds of the opening period after the

Bulldogs converted a fourth-and-one at its own 48 with 2:23 left. Picayune's Michael Watts blocked place kicker Trey Grant's extra point attempt, but the Bulldogs led 6-0 with 16 seconds left in the quarter.

Pearl River went three-and-out on its ensuing series, but the defense again rose to the occasion when defensive back James Booker of Oak Ridge, Tenn., grabbed a Holly pass and returned it 42 yards for the game-tying score. Jack Byrd of Picayune kicked the extra point to give PRCC a 7-6 edge with 11:31 left in the half.

On the Wildcats' next possession, the Bulldog defense produced points when defensive back Sharegus Cotten intercepted quarterback Andre Granger's pass at the PRCC 33 and sprinted untouched into the endzone for the go-ahead score. The two-point conversion pass attempt was deflected, but Holmes led 12-7 with 7:38 left in the half.

The Bulldogs padded their lead midway into the third period when running back Marvin Vaughan capped a nine-play, 71-yard drive with a 14-yard touchdown run. The drive was kept alive when a Wildcat holding penalty on a punt play at their 38 gave the Bulldogs a first down at the PRCC 30. Grant's extra point made it 19-7 with 8:23 left in the quarter.

The Wildcats retaliated two series later when a 17-yard punt by the Bulldogs set things up at the Holmes 32. Eight plays later, wide receiver Keshan Fudge of Hattiesburg sprinted left on a reverse for 18 yards, and the score. Byrd's extra point tightened the score to 19-14 with 34 seconds left in the third quarter.

Pearl River's Jay Beech of Pearl River Central recovered Cedric Talley's fumble at the Holmes 45 on the Bulldogs first play following the ensuing kick off. The Wildcats drove to the Holmes 37 before Jackson was stopped short on a fourth-and-

two with 13:40 left in the game.

PRCC's next series started at its own 10, but three plays later the Wildcats faced and fourth-and-15 from the five and punter Matt Hoda's 39-yard boot out of the endzone set Holmes up at the Pearl River 44. It took only five plays for the Bulldogs to cash in with Vaughan scoring from 13 yards out with 7:55 left. Grant's extra point ended the night's scoring.

On PRCC's next series, Hoda shanked a punt for 16 yards giving Holmes possession at the Wildcat 48. Six plays later, the Bulldogs had driven to the 30, but defensive back Davin Roberts of Picayune picked off the fourth Holly pass of the night at the 14.

The Wildcats dove to midfield in seven plays, but were held on downs.

Vaughan led all rushers in the contest with 94 yards on 23 carries, while quarterback Terion Reynolds of Brundidge, Ala., paced PRCC with 51 yards on 13 carries. Jackson finished with 33 yards on 21 carries.

Holly completed 11 of 24 (46 percent) passes, while Granger, Easley's prep teammate from Waxahachie, Tex., was three of eight; Reynolds one of eight, and Seth Smith of Pearl River Central threw two incompletions. Hoda punted six times for a 35.5-yard average, while Holmes averaged 39.5 yards on eight kicks.

In other community college action Thursday night, East Central (3-0) defeated Coahoma (0-3) 35-8 in Decatur, Southwest (3-0) defeated Mississippi Delta (0-3) 21-14 in Moorhead, Hinds (3-0) defeated Northeast (1-2) 45-3 in Raymond, Copiah-Lincoln (1-2) defeated East Mississippi (0-3) 25-13 in Wesson, and Jones (1-2) defeated Itawamba (1-2) 30-6 in Fulton.

Pearl River opens its South Division schedule next Thursday when it hosts undefeated and nationally-ranked Hinds at 7 p.m.

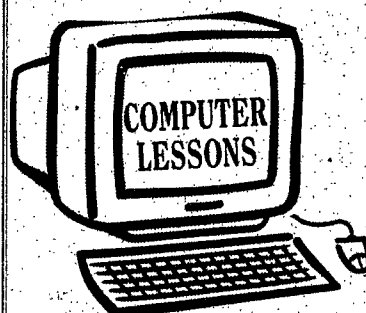
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Tigers trip Poplarville with 27-21 victory on the road

Bay High's Tigers defense and special teams play shocked Poplarville at home Friday night, with the Tigers posting a 27-21 victory.

The Hornets led the Tigers in first downs 10-6 and total yards 381-205, with the difference being in Bay High's special teams' Tristen Haynes returning a 95-yard kick-off for one touchdown, and on defense, Charles Hawkins returning a fumble 29-yards for another

score.

Bay High's Adam Barrett scored on a 4-yard run and Willie Whavers on a 15-yard run.

The victory evened the Tigers for the season at 2-2. All scoring was in the first half of the game.

Bay High will celebrate homecoming Friday at McCullough stadium playing host to Pearl River High. For complete details, see Thursday's

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Public Works	736,864	849,053	849,053				
Health & Welfare	122,057	154,618	154,618				
Culture & Recreation	235,432	955,285		955,285			
Debt Service	382,533	424,473			213,086		211,387
Capital Improvements	141,000	259,696				259,696	
Utility Fund							
Administrative & General	353,087	379,661					379,661
Transmission & Distribution	692,080	798,381					798,381
Treatment & Purification	59,400	81,000					81,000
Pumping	199,750	248,000					248,000
Sewer	234,000	256,000					256,000
Sanitation	500,000	566,000					566,000
Transfers Out	80,863	696,152	97,752		0	0	598,400
Sub-Total Expenditures	6,092,039	9,197,414	4,630,518	955,285	213,086	259,696	3,138,629
PROJECTED ENDING CASH BALANCE	4,921,526	3,208,443	1,161,121	140,823	178,186	0	1,728,313
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,013,565	12,405,857	5,791,639	1,096,108	391,272	259,696	4,867,142

Note: The budget is available for inspection at the Mayor's Office by the public Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Waveland City Hall.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Farm loan volume grows

The Tenth Farm Credit District, a network of rural financing cooperatives, has reported significant loan volume growth and exceptionally strong credit quality in its second quarter financial results.

Composed of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), nine Federal Land Credit Associations, seven Federal Land Bank Associations and 12 Production Credit Associations, the Tenth District provides rural mortgage and agricultural financing in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

Combined loan volume totaled more than \$4.9 billion at June 30, 2000. This compares to the \$4.8 billion loan volume outstanding at December 31, 1999, and March 31, 2000.

The long-term mortgage portfolio totaled \$4.06 billion at June 30, 2000, reflecting an increase of \$81.4 million or 2 percent from December 31, 1999, while the short-term loan portfolio totaled \$880.3 million at June 30, 2000, an increase of \$63.7 million or 7.8 percent from year-end 1999.

"The mortgage financing side of our business has benefited this year from the generally strong economy and strong demand for real estate," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer, "but our competitive interest rates along with increased marketing and customer service efforts have also been contributing factors."

Overall credit quality of the Tenth District's loan portfolio was 97.4 percent acceptable at June 30, 2000, up from 96.6 percent at year-end 1999.

"This level of credit quality is spectacular, particularly in light of the difficult weather and market conditions many of our farm and ranch customers experienced in 1999 and continue to face this year," Henson said.

Tenth District net income for the six months ending June 30, 2000, totaled \$41.9 million, a 5.8 percent increase from the \$39.6 million net income reported for the same period of 1999.

Net income of \$17.2 million for the quarter ending June 30, 2000, was down from the \$22.3 million reported for the second quarter of 1999.

The combined assets of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas and affiliated Tenth District associations totaled \$5.4 billion at June 30, 2000, with borrowers holding approximately \$116.8 million worth of equity in the lending cooperatives.

Together, these lending institutions have more than 55,000 loans with farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, and rural home owners and landowners in the district's five-state region.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The System reported combined net income of \$348 million and \$660 million for the three and six months ending June 30, 2000, respectively.

This compares with combined net income of \$323 million and \$592 million for the same periods last year.

D'head group to meet

The Diamondhead Business and Professional Association will conduct its general meeting Thursday, Sept. 28, 8-9 a.m. at Park Ten Lanes in Diamondhead.

Guest speaker will be Will Clark, author and lecturer.

His topic will be "Management Without Conflict."

Clark is a full-time writer, a motivational speaker and consultant for business groups and other organizations.

After his military career, he authored several books, including *The Leadership Handbook*, *The Power of Positive Education*, *Who's Blaming Who?* and *How to Learn*.

Business After Hours will be Thursday, Sept. 21, 5-7 p.m. at Universal Storage located on Gex Drive, just past the guardhouse. Hosts will be Charles Johnson, Sr. and Charlie Johnson, Jr. of Universal Storage and Lorraine Quigley and Sherry Nightingale of Photo Effect.



FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

Roth IRA offers retirement savings, and more

Since its introduction a few years ago, the Roth IRA has attracted a lot of attention among people interested in saving for retirement.

But the Roth has other uses, as well. And you may be interested in them — particularly if you have college-bound children.

You might already be aware of the key advantage of a Roth IRA as a retirement-savings vehicle. Specifically, your earnings grow completely tax-free, provided you are 59-1/2 and you've had your account for at least five years.

Tax-free earnings growth is a huge benefit in accumulating resources for retirement. In fact, with the exception of municipal bonds, you can't find tax-free earnings on any other type of investment.

In short, you'll find that a Roth IRA is a valuable tool in constructing your retirement portfolio. Furthermore, although the Roth IRA is first and foremost a retirement plan,

it's also flexible enough to be used for other purposes.

For example, you may be able to tap into your Roth IRA to help pay for qualified higher education expenses. You can do this in one of two ways:

First, you can withdraw your Roth IRA contributions at any time, free of taxes and penalties.

Second, you can withdraw earnings that have accumulated in your Roth IRA. This money won't be subject to the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty, but it will be taxable.

Because of this, you'll need to consult with your tax adviser before you make any education-related Roth IRA withdrawals.

Qualified higher education expenses typically include tuition, fees, room and board, books and other supplies. And there's no dollar limit on the educational withdrawals you make from your Roth IRA. You can withdraw and spend as much as you want.

Also, since the Roth IRA is in your name, as the parent or the

grandparent, it won't count against your child or grandchild in determining his or her financial aid package.

Despite the benefits of using your Roth IRA to help pay for college costs, there are some potential issues to consider.

We've already looked at the tax implications. But even if you withdraw only your contributions, and you don't take a tax hit, you still are "paying" for these funds in another way.

Specifically, any money you take out for education will not be available to you for retirement — which is, after all, the main reason you opened your Roth IRA.

So, in the final analysis, you'll have to balance the benefits of the Roth IRA as a college-funding source against the loss of retirement dollars.

Your ultimate choice depends on your individual circumstances. Of course, the more sources of income you have — for both college and retirement — the more flexible you can be in your decision-making.

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TENNECO INC/TEN	6 1/2	-1/2
UNION PLANTERS/UPC	32 1/2	+1 1/2
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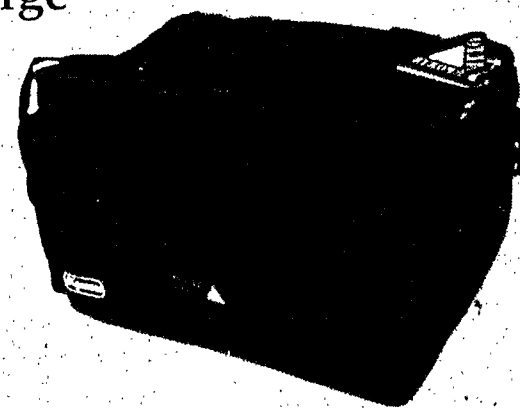
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BUSINESS NEWS

Final phase of testing set for X-33 vehicle engine

Preparations are under way at NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center for the final phase of testing to qualify the innovative Linear Aerospike engine that will power the experimental X-33 vehicle being developed by a Lockheed Martin-led industry team and NASA.

Having recently completed a successful series of single-engine tests, the engine has been removed from the Stennis test stand by a team from NASA and the Rocketdyne Propulsion & Power unit of The Boeing Company.

The stand is now being modified to accommodate two engines for simultaneous firings

in their flight configuration. This phase of the program is scheduled to begin late this year.

Following successful completion of dual-engine testing, these engines will be shipped to Palmdale, Calif., where they will be installed in the X-33 vehicle.

During the first phase of testing, the engine accumulated more than 1,500 seconds of operation — the equivalent of approximately seven X-33 flights.

"We are amazed and delighted at how smoothly the test program has gone so far," Mike McKeon, program manager for

the XRS-2200 Linear Aerospike Engine at Boeing Rocketdyne, said.

"We conducted 14 tests and accumulated a wealth of vital data without breaking any hardware. For an engine development program of this magnitude and complexity, that is simply amazing."

"Few new, much less innovative, engines even get to full power in so few tests," added NASA's Dr. Donald Chenevert, X-33 project manager at Stennis Space Center.

"We met or exceeded a number of significant objectives during the first phase of the program," said Chenevert.

These milestones include: starting the engine under various conditions, operating at and throttling between various power levels, operating at various fuel and oxidizer mixtures, and varying the thrust across the engine.

For the next phase of testing, two engines will be mated together and operated in X-33 flight configuration. Approximately nine dual-engine tests are planned.

This phase of testing will verify the seal between the two engines; dual-engine start, stop and operational parameters; and the ability for the engines to control the X-33's direction of flight by varying the thrust from side to side and engine to engine.

The testing will also verify

the ability of one engine's turbomachinery to power both engines should a set of turbomachinery fail during flight.

"We are proud of the NASA/industry team that has so effectively brought this unique new engine to this significant milestone," Gene Austin, NASA's X-33 program manager with the Marshall Space Flight Center, said.

"The hardware worked well in this first test series, and we are eager to see how well it performs in the dual engine testing. This engine has the potential to revolutionize our nation's space launch capabilities. It is just one of many cutting edge technologies the X-33 program is demonstrating."

The XRS-2000 engine was developed by Boeing Rocketdyne at its Canoga Park, Calif. Final engine assembly was done by the NASA Boeing Rocketdyne team at Stennis Space Center.

Two aerospike engines will power the X-33, a half-scale, suborbital technology demonstrator of Lockheed Martin's proposed commercial reusable launch vehicle called VentureStar.

The X-33 is being developed as a joint government/industry partnership under a cooperative agreement between NASA and Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Palmdale, Calif. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., manages the X-33 program for NASA.

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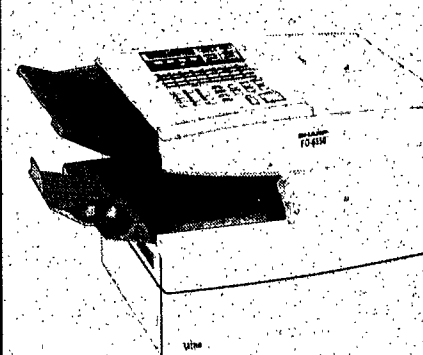
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Governor to address Gulfport group Tuesday

Less than a month after his Advantage Mississippi Initiative inspired a resonant note of optimism among Coast leaders about the state's economic future, Mississippi's Gov. Ronnie Musgrove will address South Mississippi movers and shakers during the September 19 Gulfport Chamber of Commerce "Early Bird" Breakfast.

Hosted at Gulfport's Grand Casino hotel south of U.S. 90, the event opens to members and guests at 7:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 8 a.m.

According to event chairperson Janice Young, Sprint PCS will sponsor the breakfast — a quarterly function citing exceptional achievements among Coastians and spotlighting economic development issues.

"Business and community leaders who are part of our local and regional chamber structure will have a chance to learn more about our governor's goals and to reiterate by their presence the vital role our Gulf Coast plays in our state's overall economy. We're honored that Gov. Musgrove can join us," said Young.

Young, who also serves as Gulfport Chamber membership chair, urged Coast businesses or individuals not currently affiliated with a chamber of commerce to contact the Coast Chamber office (863-2942) to discuss an appropriate regional or area membership.

"These types of opportunities are why it's so important to participate in a chamber that best suits your business objectives, whether a local group or Coastwide," she emphasized.

The first college graduate

from a Tocoowa, MS, family of four children, Panola County native Musgrove, 44, received his undergraduate degree from The University of Mississippi and law degree from the Ole Miss law school. He was elected to the Mississippi Senate in 1987 and appointed vice-chair of the Committee on Colleges and Universities.

Rising as Senate Education Committee chair in 1992, his Mississippi Adequate Education Program championed equitable funding for all schools. Musgrove served as Mississippi's lieutenant governor from 1996 to 2000, before his election as governor.

An advocate for tougher drug laws, education and rehabilitation, a uniform state youth court system, reduced tax burdens for married residents, lower inheritance taxes, expanded tech prep sites, and teacher pay raises, Musgrove chaired the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors and initiated community-based programs like BIG (Business Influencing Generations) and ComPEET (Commercial Post-Graduate Electrical Engineering Training) to link business and education.

Musgrove has worked with the Batesville Jaycees and was an active member of the Batesville Rotary Club. He was also a church deacon and Sunday school teacher at Batesville's First Baptist Church.

Readers can learn more about "Early Bird" breakfasts and other Gulfport Chamber of Commerce activities by calling 863-2933.

Local attorney facilitates Law School orientation

Bay St. Louis attorney Patricia Willis was a facilitator in The Mississippi Bar's Law School Orientation on Professionalism recently.

"With the help of Mississippi lawyers and judges, we hope to emphasize the importance of professionalism through this program for first year law school students," said Dick Bennett, Mississippi Bar president.

The Mississippi Bar's Law School Orientation on Professionalism program took place at orientation sessions at the University of Mississippi and Mississippi College Schools of Law the week of August 17-23.

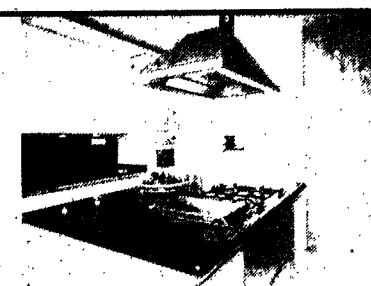
Over 200 lawyers and judges statewide were nominated by peers in their profession to serve as facilitators for the program. Nominees were considered as, respected individuals who consistently uphold the legal and ethical obligations required by a law career.

Mississippi College School of Law Dean Sid Moller said, "Last year, our first-year law students were extremely pleased with the program put on by the judges and lawyers. We are so grateful to have them meet again with this year's entering class."

Following a keynote address by Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Lenore Prather, break-out sessions were conducted in which groupings of two attorney facilitators and eight students examined hypothetical legal situations designed to provoke discussion of professionalism and ethical issues that arise in the everyday practice of law.

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Lakeshore -- man found unharmed

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Facility Warden Gerald Necaise, who headed up the search effort.

Barry Baxter, an 88-year-old Alzheimer's patient, who lives with his wife of 60 years on Ladner Rd. in the Lakeshore area, disappeared from his residence on Wednesday afternoon. Baxter was found Thursday morning about 9:30 a.m. in a marshy area about 400-500 yards behind his

house. He was taken to Hancock Medical Center.

"We had probably come within 20 yards of him during the initial sweep of the area the afternoon before," said Necaise on Thursday. "We just couldn't see him ... without the help of the helicopter I don't think we would have found him in time to find him alive."

A ground search began about 4 p.m. on Wednesday with a few

men, Necaise said. Members of area volunteer fire departments started the search which went on until dark, then returned the next morning to a base camp set up at Bordages' Bait Camp on Bayou Caddy.

"I want to commend the volunteer fire departments from Bayside, East-West Hancock, Logtown and others for their efforts ... these are guys all have regular jobs and took off

to help," said Necaise.

Searchers gathered again at dawn on Thursday morning. The air effort took off at about 8 a.m. with a Civil Air Patrol and Harrison County Air #4 flown by pilot, Major Randy Cook.

Searchers started by covering a wide area and working their way in to an area closer to Baxter's house.

"Major Cook spotted him first," said Necaise. "We saw

him move his arms and so we knew he was still alive."

Searchers on the ground closed in and eventually moved Baxter out of the woods with a four-wheeler. Baxter, who was dressed in shorts, a T-shirt, and

house slippers was badly bitten by mosquitoes and flies, Necaise said.

"It's amazing that he was still alive with conditions like that," Necaise said. "With the heat and the bugs."

Marshal -- overgrown lots

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Street, Pate said residents on both sides of a vacant and overgrown double lot have complained about the tall grass and garbage that is stacking up on the property.

In Shoreline Park, on 1st Street off Lagin, Pate said junked cars, buses and other scrap items are piled up, and the lot needs to be cleared.

Another overgrown lot cited by Pate is at Cherokee Place in

Jourdan River Shores.

Under present regulations, Pate turns the paperwork over to county attorney Gerald Gex, who sends a certified letter to property owners.

The property owners are given 30 to 60 days to clean up the mess or can come before the Board of Supervisors and ask for an extension or explain why he may not be able to remedy the problem.

If the property owner does not reply, supervisors can schedule a public hearing to officially declare the property is a safety or health violation and a menace to the neighborhood.

Supervisors can then proceed to clear the property using its road crews or hire someone to clear it. The county assesses the cost of clearing to the landowner by filing a lien against his property.

Although Board President Rocky Pullman acknowledged

the problem is widespread in Hancock County, he said he was hesitant about the county getting into the land-clearing business. He said it could take years before the county could recoup the money spent on clearing overrun property.

Apartments -- going up

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ject here, but so far nothing has developed.

If all goes well, Graham said, the first apartments will be available for occupation some time in January. And hopefully, he said, by then the county will have sewer and water access down that far.

"They have promised us that they will," Graham said.

The 15.2 acre complex-site is surrounded by wetlands, Graham said, part of the reason why the only entrance to the large complex will be on Old Nicholson Rd.

"We couldn't get right of way for any other entrance," he said.

There will be no fence

around the property and though there is talk of a security gate at the entrance, Graham said, nothing is definite yet.

The grounds will be professionally-landscaped and contain one pool for residents.

"This will be a very nice, upscale complex," Graham said. "A 24-hour manager and maintenance person will be employed by the company."

The complex is large -- 28 buildings with 128 apartments, ranging from one to three bedrooms, with each building containing just one size of apartment. Some of the apartments will be handicapped-accessible

and will include ramps for wheelchairs. Square footage, including a balcony, which each apartment will have, range

from a little over 800 sq. ft. to a little over 1200 sq. ft. for larger units. Pets will be allowed with a weight limit on their size.

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2,400 square miles, including the barrier islands, wetlands, key and reefs.

Taylor added, "Our Gulf Coast's important tourism and seafood industries are continually hampered by beach and oyster reef closures because of run off from communities that are not connected to central sewer systems."

He said the bill would also help protect the pristine beaches and environmentally sensi-

tive coastal barrier islands from the constant threat of erosion. He pointed out that in addition to the tourism and fishing industries, the barrier islands in the Mississippi Sound provide a diverse habitat to numerous species of birds, fish, plants and animals.

At the same time the House passed Taylor's legislation, the Senate passed a total of 10 bills providing funds to improve estuary habitats.

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Board attorney Gerald Gex said that despite everyone's desire to see the project succeed, "The county can't enter into any contract without the ready availability of all the funds."

However, Walters said, the Port & Harbor Commission -- in the wake of the city's with-

drawal -- is seeking funding from the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District.

Gex advised the board that the project could proceed, and if all the funding is not yet in place by the Sept. 28 bid-opening date, "we can just reject all bids."

Seventh defendant pleads guilty in Stennis scheme

Case wrapped up

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The federal government officially wrapped up its investigation into a theft and kickback scheme at the Stennis Space Center Monday when the last of the accused entered a guilty plea.

Samuel Jopes of Picayune pleaded guilty to one count of receiving kickbacks in the contract-fixing scheme.

Prosecutors alleged Jopes received between \$3,500 and \$5,000 from Bill Mizell of Lumberton, the alleged ringleader of the scheme.

Last week, Mizell admitted to U.S. Magistrate David Bramlette that he committed all but one of the criminal acts described in a federal indictment.

He promised to cooperate in the ongoing investigation, but could be sentenced to a maximum of 20 years in prison and a

\$750,000 fine.

The government alleges Mizell was the ringleader in a scheme in which he paid Johnson Controls Worlds Services, Inc. employees kickbacks in exchange for their ordering products from companies he owned or that employed him.

He was indicted on one count of conspiracy to solicit or accept bribes, five counts of obstruction of justice and six counts of making false statements.

Jopes was the seventh man to plead guilty in the case. He is charged with one count of conspiracy to accept or solicit kickbacks. He faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The alleged conspiracy was uncovered following investigations by the FBI and NASA officials over a 15-month period, and the agencies are continuing their probe.

Bramlette has scheduled sentencing of all defendants for Jan. 9.

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**SOUTHERN
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By Norman Winter
MSU Horticulturist
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This is that glorious time of the year when giant, trumpet-shaped flowers in apricot yellow gracefully hang along branches in Mississippi landscapes as if waiting for Gabriel to choose one for an upcoming announcement.

The plants are known botanically as *Brugmansia versicolor*, but around here we call them Angels' Trumpets. They come from Ecuador, but they couldn't look more at home than they do in Mississippi.

The most beautiful of Angels' Trumpets reach 12 to 18 inches in length and make a statement in the landscape. It is hard to believe these plants are related to tomatoes and peppers.

We had early blooms after the mild winter, but late summer and fall is when they really strut their stuff. This plant gets passed from friend to friend, but garden centers in Mississippi sell quite a few, probably more than in other states. The plant is poisonous, so just revel in its beauty and do not eat it.

To grow yours, choose a site in full to partial sun and plant in well-drained, organic-rich beds. If you wait until next year, don't plant until after the last frost and the soil has warmed.

You may, however, stumble on some good opportunities now. Protection from the wind and mid-afternoon sun make for a prettier plant, but there is a group south of Jackson on I-55 that can make me eat those words. We also have them at

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Plane Crazy



Sky Powers "parks" a 1950 Schweizer glider near a 172 Cessna at Stennis Airport at sunset Thursday during the Chamber After Hours.



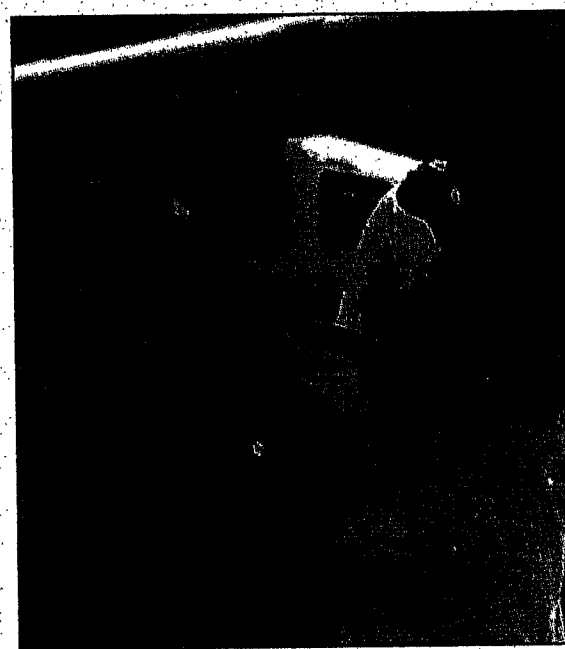
Port & Harbor Commission Executive Director Hal Walters on the ramp at the airport Thursday.



"Uncle" Gene Phillips of Phillips' Aviation and Michael Shallbetter at Chamber After Hours Thursday.



Debbie Eakins of Kiln helps out at the refreshment tent at Thursday evening's event.

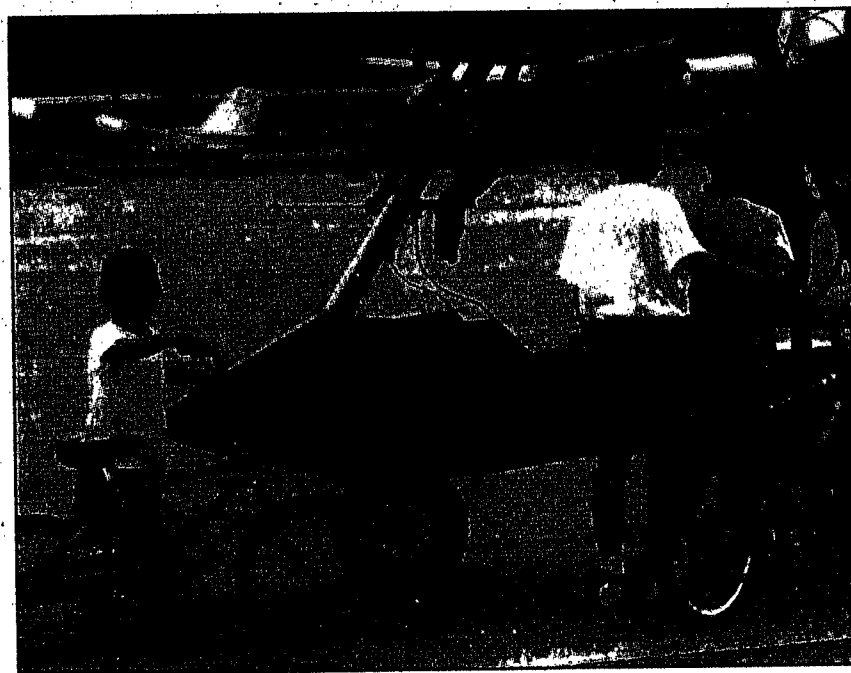


Airport manager Bill Cotter, right, talks shop with Alan Bishop, president of United Aircraft Services at Stennis International Airport during Thursday's Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

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Bennie Shallbetter

It was standing room only at Stennis International Airport at Kiln Thursday evening for the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours. In addition to the event's usual food and fellowship, Thursday's participants were able to take a close-up look at numerous aircraft.

"If one person takes a lesson as a result of this event, it was a success," airport manager Bill Cotter said. "If not, at least people will have learned a little something about general aviation."



Tyler Stieffel, left, and brother Brennan - both sons of Herb and Michelle Stieffel - and Billy Cotter, son of airport manager Bill Cotter and his wife Sue, check out a "weight-shift" ultra-light aircraft Thursday during the Chamber After Hours.

'I live in a house by the water ...'

This column is sort of an anniversary card. I will try to keep it short and, hopefully, sweet.

This month marks the start of the second year of writing this column for the Sea Coast Echo. The column's theme is based on two books, one I wrote last year called by the same name as the column, *Views From a Front Porch* and a new one placed in local bookstores just last week.

The new book is called, *Waiting for the White Pelicans, and other tales of the Mississippi Gulf Coast*. If you liked the first book and like these columns, I think you will like this new book.

This has been a fun year for me. I have received a number of

very nice letters and e-mail from readers who, in turn, seem to have derived a certain amount of fun from reading my column. To these writers and those of you who haven't written, but still enjoy reading my column, this card's for you.

The whole purpose of my writings has been to present in word form, vignettes of the life my wife, Stella, and I have led living on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. In doing so, I've explored many topics, things that I thought were important to me at the time I wrote about them or at least seemed important.

I would like to go back over a few of this last year's columns and tell you of some things I've noticed since I wrote them:

The Return of the Pelicans (12 September, 1999). I still love to watch pelicans. There is sort of a

traffic jam of them in the morning that I see as I sit on the porch. Going by in groups of five and ten and sometimes only one or two, they're all headed east. Although I realize there has to be, I don't see a similar westward exodus in the evening.

I mentioned this to Stella on Sunday morning, when she came out to join me on the porch. As luck would have it, during the time we sat there, no pelicans flew by.

"Well," she said after awhile, "It is Sunday."

I have begun to see pelicans more and more riding the coastal sea breeze along Highway 90. There were a few before, but not as many as there are now. As we drive down the road, we often see loose formations of ten or more birds, the group undulating in beautifully graceful waves.

The uplift of the land/sea breeze holds them aloft some thirty feet above the road, so that they no longer really need the draft of the lead bird. As a result their formations are more loose and their wings remain almost motionless in a kind of hunkered-out stretch to catch the lift of the rising air.

I love to watch them when we are coming back from Biloxi. They ride noiselessly in their flight, dark silhouettes, drifting across the road in long graceful back and forth sweeps, ignoring the near-accidents below as drivers such as myself, entranced by their passing beauty, crane their heads to watch.

The Marsh Around Us (3 October, 1999) and *Lister's Pond* (13 February, 2000). I was writing about a small pond that is near my house that the New Orleans-owners had manicured

Views From a
Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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to look like a pretty park rather than a tidewater sanctuary. I wrote:

"Lister's Pond, as I knew it, is gone... There is little left of the protective shoreline brush and marsh grass that bordered the pond. Soon, the local ecological fauna that depended on this small marsh/pond will find the area is no longer viable and die out. And, since the pond will no longer function as a breeding place of essential fauna, our local fishing will be affected."

Well, unfortunately, it looks like my prophecy has come true. For most of this year, Stella has been fishing by Carrere's pier

just beside the culvert exit from Lister's pond. What had been a wonderful fishing spot, a spot from which you would almost always bring back at least enough fish for a nice lunch, has deteriorated to a spot where even bites are few and far between.

Slowly, but surely, the amount of wetlands in Waveland, in Bay St. Louis, and in Pass Christian are diminishing. One day they will reach a point where they will no longer be able to maintain the region's rich fauna as we know it today.

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Garden

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the Truck Crops Experiment Station in Crystal Springs in full sun and they do very well.

I recently saw a small tree in a large container that was loaded with blooms, demonstrating that you can enjoy this plant just about anywhere. During a summer like we have been experiencing, supplemental water may be the most rigorous requirement.

They only require feeding with light applications of a slow-released balanced fertilizer about three times during the growing season.

In central Mississippi, they have had no problem returning from the winter, but a 50-year freeze may be a different story.

Prune in early spring after the last frost, cutting back to 6 or 8 inches above the ground. Plants will come back from the base with vigor. In north Mississippi, plant in a protected micro-climate around the house, grow in a container and move indoors, or take cuttings in the fall to root. They root easily, and it is not hard to hold small plants over the winter.

At the Truck Crops Experiment Station, we are growing them with large bananas, which really adds a tropical appeal. In another bed, they are surrounded by Purple Heart that looks exceptional with the apricot colors of the trumpets. Another great companion would be red coleus like Burgundy Sun, New Orleans Red or Plum Parfait.

At the risk of shocking you lovers of the Angel's Trumpet, I must tell you the varieties Grand Marnier, Charles Grimaldi and Frosty Pink are some selections that others have deemed better or at least worthy of adding to your collection. Finding these plants and others is what makes gardening in the South the most rewarding outdoor experience.

Editor's note: Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154.

Bay High grad named member of 'Who's who'

Tara Burrell, a 2000 graduate of Bay High School, has been honored by Who's Who Among American High School Students for four consecutive years. Only one half of one percent of all high school students are honored for two or more years. Burrell's biography will be published in *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000*, which is published annually. She is a freshman at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg where she is majoring in psychology. Her parents are Raymon and Wanda Burrell of Bay St. Louis. She is the granddaughter of Lilo Clifton of Bay St. Louis and the late Thomas Clifton and the late Edgar and Nellie Burrell.



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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Steven LaFontaine Jr.

LaFontaine-Kingston

Jennifer Kingston of Bay St. Louis and Steven LaFontaine Jr., also of Bay St. Louis, were united in marriage August 12, 2000 in an evening ceremony in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Soloist was Joni Compretta, and pianist/singer was Denise Devilles.

The bride is the daughter of Janice Dedeaux of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kingston of Sheridan, Ark.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steven LaFontaine Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Janice Dedeaux and Paul Kingston.

Maid of honor was Amy Oliver, and matron of honor was Kelly Warren. Bridesmaids included Kati Dedeaux, Dee Ladner, Angie Richardson, Kay

Morris, Alison Kingston, Michelle McArthur, Ashley LaFontaine, Courtney Garcia, Patches Fricke and Emily Liner. Junior bridesmaid was Joli Fricke. Flower girl was Gabrielle Fricke, and ring bearer was Michael LaFontaine III.

Best men were Steve LaFontaine Sr. and Cody LaFontaine. Ushers included Jason Fricke, Thomas McArthur and Rodney Oliver.

A reception followed the ceremony in Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Community Center. A rehearsal dinner was hosted in the home of the groom's parents. A bridal dinner was hosted Aug. 10 by the mother of the bride at Benigno's Deli.

After a honeymoon week in Disney World, the couple will reside in Bay St. Louis.

Noblitt-Smith

Kathryn Lee Smith of Bay St. Louis and Montgomery Michael Noblitt, also of Bay St. Louis, were united in marriage July 8, 2000 in an afternoon ceremony in St. Paul Methodist Church in Ocean Springs. The Rev. Kelly Pope officiated. Rick Brower was soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Ginny and George Brumbelow of Long Beach and Harry and Betty Smith of Tylertown, Miss.

The groom's parents are Michael and Margaret Noblitt of Ocean Springs.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Denton Herring.

For the occasion she selected a white A-line satin gown with chapel-length train scattered with seed pearls. The sleeveless gown featured a scooped neck and back. The tiara-style headpiece was fashioned with a veil, rhinestones and pearls. The

bride carried a bouquet of stargazer lilies.

Maid of honor was Dedra Wedgeworth, and matron of honor was Kim Gill, both sisters of the bride. Bridesmaid was Emily Metton, cousin of the bride.

Little groomsmen were Tyler and Trent Gill, nephews of the bride, and Patrick and Nixon Noblitt, nephews of the groom.

Best man was Ted Forbes. Groomsmen included Marty Noblitt and Matt Noblitt, brothers of the groom. Ushers were Tim Gill, Al Jones, Ryan Kite and Drew Kite.

A reception followed the ceremony in Ocean Springs Community Center decorated in Walter Anderson motif. A rehearsal dinner was hosted at the home of Mike and Margaret Noblitt.

The couple resides in Bay St. Louis.



Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Noblitt

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When these resources disappear, the unique wonder of what we see around us today will go with it.

Heck, when this happens, we might as well be living in Cincinnati.

Beach Sans Sails (2 July, 2000). I wrote about missing the sails we used to have in abundance in the water along our beach. I thought they gave a colorful vibrancy to the beach.

I pointed out that this was probably due to the fact we couldn't leave the boats on the beach overnight. Since I wrote the column, I've noticed that a few people have been leaving their boats on the beach. Maybe the county supervisors will see that what they are saving in beach maintenance is actually taking away from our ability to use and enjoy the beach. A little like keeping the new car in the garage so it won't get dirty.

Speak to your county supervisor. Maybe there is some type of compromise that can be reached such as every so often a county-maintained compound consisting of a line of about ten poles in the sand for the boats

to tie up to.

Really, Well we had an inch just ... (6 August). In this column, I bemoaned the fact that we had not had any rain. I ended with a prayer for rain. I wrote:

"God, send us some rain! Don't send the namby-pamby rain. Send the rain that comes in big drops. Cold drops. Drops that will hit the ground with a wallop, that will stir the dust. Drops that fill buckets in seconds!

"God, send us rain we can watch come walking across the water at us, smacking the water into confusion, bringing with it crackling flashes of snapping lightning and deep bass rolling whamming thunder! I want to be chased into the house by drops the size of marbles and cold as Jell-O."

What I wrote must have been an extremely powerful prayer. We have been getting that type of rain at least twice a week since then.

There is one more thing I would like to mention and then you can go back to your morn-

ing coffee.

One of the nicest things about writing my column has been the chance to both talk about, as well as meet, some very pleasant people. To me this has been a definite plus; and, if I didn't say it at the time, let me say it now in the most realistic and literal sense:

It has been a pleasure to meet you.

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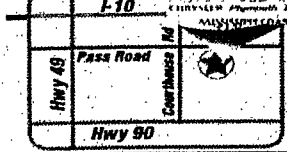
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Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990. Since that time, they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke deTocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Library's story hours feature markets, bugs and Dr. Seuss

To Market, To Market You will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 10:30 a.m.

The Old Woman and Her Pig, To Market To Market and How Are You Feeling? are the books to be read during the program.

Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making animal puppets.

Favorite Bugs will be theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library, set for Thursday, Sept. 21, at 10:30 a.m.

The Grouchy Ladybug and There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly are the books to be read during the program. Children will receive a color sheet.

Dr. Seuss still on the Loose in Pearlinton will be the theme for the children's story hour at

the Pearlinton Public Library, set for Friday, Sept. 22, at 10:30 a.m.

Green Eggs and Ham and *Horton Hears a Who!* are the books to be read during the program. Children will also see the video, *Green Eggs and Ham*.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724; or Sue Toledano, Pearlinton Public Library, 533-0755.

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Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Toast, Juice

Wednesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Thursday: Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Friday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Stromboli, Hamburger with Trimmings, Spicy Fries, Broccoli, Cheese and Rice, Orange Glazed Carrots, Fresh Melon Cubes*, Strawberries and Peaches, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Gelatin

Tuesday: Soft Taco Supreme, Roast Beef Pobo with Gravy, Parslief New Potatoes, French Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Fresh Apple, Chilled Pears*, Pineapple Tidbits, Yellow Cake with Icing

Wednesday: Pepperoni Pizza, Ham and Cheese Pobo with Trimmings, Whole Kernel Corn, Buttered Peas, Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower, Peach Slices, Mandarin Fruit Cup*, Fresh Banana, Peanut Butter Chew

Thursday: Chicken Gumbo with Rice and Sausage, Corn Dog, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Fruit Cocktail*, Devil's Food Delight Cake, Crackers

Friday: Taco Salad, Steak Sandwich with Trimmings, Cream-style Corn, Buttered Peas, Orange Glazed Carrots, Fresh apple, Chilled Pears, Tropical Fruit Mix*, Spice Cake
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Menus subject to change.

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Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert and Milk

Condiments:
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Sweet and Sour Sauce/Salsa

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BREAKFAST

Monday: Cheese Toast, Juice

Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice

Wednesday: Sausage Biscuit, Juice

Thursday: Flapsticks, Juice

Friday: Cheese Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Chicken and Noodles, Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Raw Veggies, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers, Gelatin

Tuesday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Chicken Patty Sandwich, Ranch Baked Fries, Cheesy Calif. Veggies, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Gelatin

Wednesday: Chicken Gumbo, Meatball Sandwich, French Fries, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers, Mississippi Mud Cake

Thursday: Chicken Nuggets, BBQ Sandwich, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Biscuit, Crackers, Pudding

Friday: Salisbury Steak, Texas Grilled Cheese, Spicy Fries, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast

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Bay St. Louis-Hancock High School

Served daily:
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Condiments:
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Sweet and Sour Sauce/Salsa

BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or Taco Sauce

LUNCH

Monday: Chicken and Noodles, Meatball Sandwich, Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Raw Veggies, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers, Pudding

Tuesday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Chicken Patty Sandwich, Ranch Baked Fries, Cheesy Calif. Veggies, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Gelatin

Wednesday: Chicken Gumbo, Ham Pobo, French Fries, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers, Mississippi Mud Cake

Thursday: Chicken Nuggets, BBQ Sandwich, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Biscuit, Crackers, Creamsicle Dessert

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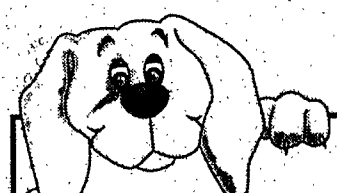
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ENTERTAINMENT

State Fair slated for Oct. 4-15 in Jackson

Delicious food, a sparkling midway, and the best family entertainment — it's all coming your way Oct. 4 through 15, when the Mississippi State Fair arrives at the Fairgrounds Complex in Jackson.

"On behalf of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, I would like to welcome everyone to the 141st Mississippi State Fair, states Commissioner Lester Spell, chairman of the Mississippi Fair Commission, sponsor of the annual event.

"There are many things to do and see and, of course, plenty of food; so, take your time and make the most of this family festival."

The Mississippi State Fair officially opens Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 5 p.m., when Miss Mississippi Hospitality cuts the ribbon at Gate 1 (Jefferson Street entrance).

Opening day will have a special discount gate admission of \$ and unlimited rides for \$15. Regular fair admission is \$3 and children under 6 get in free. Save 40% on advance gate tickets at all Trustmark Bank's full-service offices statewide and the Coliseum box office until 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4.

This year's fair offers special admission and ride packages for the budget-minded fairgoers. There is free admission to the fair on any weekday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. This is the time — from the moment you step through the gates, you'll be tempted by the tantalizing aromas of hundreds of treats to eat.

Large groups can enjoy an economical day at the fair. \$21 admits a busload of fairgoers and includes parking for \$3. But, if you get there before 1 p.m. on any weekday, admission is free.

It's late night fun — the popular "Ride-A-Thon" — Friday, Oct. 6 and Friday, Oct. 13. Pay one price of \$15 for unlimited rides from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Regular fair admission required.

"Senior's America Day" on Wednesday, Oct. 11, gives free fair admission to those 55 and older. It is sponsored by Super D Drugs and AmSouth Bank and begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Coliseum. Entertainment is by Guy Hovis and Ralna English.

Children and students can enjoy "Kids Day" on Friday, Oct.

13, with free fair admission through grade 12 and all rides discounted from noon until 6 p.m. Also, a delight for children is the free face painting by colorful clowns every day at the fair.

Don't miss free performances of the Clarion-Ledger Talent Center and the free shows nightly at 8 p.m. in the Budweiser Pavilion: 3 Dog Night, Wednesday, Oct. 4; Ricky Van Shelton, Thursday, Oct. 5; Kansas, Friday, Oct. 6; Chad Brock, Tuesday, Oct. 10; Jeffrey Osborne, Wednesday Oct. 11; The Bellamy Brothers, Thursday, Oct. 12; Lou Rawls, Friday, Oct. 13; Lee King Show, Saturday, Oct. 14; and The Gospel Jubilee, Sunday, Oct. 15; featuring The Bible Echoes, The Wilburns, and The Steeles from 1 until 6 p.m.

Test your courage on breath-taking amusement rides. This year's fair will feature five new midway rides courtesy of Farrow Amusement Company of Jackson. The new Sky-Ride sponsored by US96.3 is a great way to see the fair. Also new is World Class Sky Jump Shows presented by Cellular South.

The Fair Grounds will be bursting with free exhibitions and entertainment, including daring circus acts, lively square dancing and clogging, pig racing, White Lily Biscuitmaking Booth and cane mill, Horse and Mule Pull, rodeos, cattle, swine, sheep and goat shows, FFA parade of animals, 4-H youth exhibits, vocational exhibits, floral competition, arts and crafts displays, canning and preservation exhibits, Children's Barnyard and Petting Zoo.

The Stock Dog Trials compete for the championship in driving cattle and sheep.

The traditional state fair family favorite is the Fiddlers and Liars Contest, toe-tapping music and tall tales, Saturday, Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m. until. For entry details, call Connie Braswell at 601-961-4000.

The Magnolia Fine Arts Competition is back for all Mississippi residents. For complete information on entries, contact 601-919-9155 or 601-373-1114.

Cheerleading competition and the Dance Drill Team contest information is available from Dawn Herrin, 601-264-



Local talent

Ryan Chotto, 16, a sophomore at Hancock High School, has been performing in theatre and dance since the age of six. He recently competed at DEA's National Dance Competition in New York City where he received the Platinum Award and first place for his solo performance. He was thrilled to be invited back to New York to audition for his first Broadway play. Chotto is a student at Donna's Visual and Performing Arts where he takes dance instruction four days a week from Donna Burke. He is the son of Marty and Trina Keel and Robert and Patricia Chotto, all of Diamondhead. He is the grandson of Joe and Marilyn Cuccia, also of Diamondhead. Tickets for Grease can be purchased at the Grand Theatre box office or TicketMaster outlets 1-800-488-5252.

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Sunday, Oct. 15, is the last day of the State Fair and the "Last Blast" — your last chance to ride all the rides you want for \$15 from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m.

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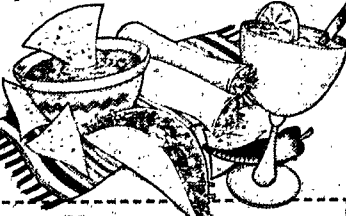
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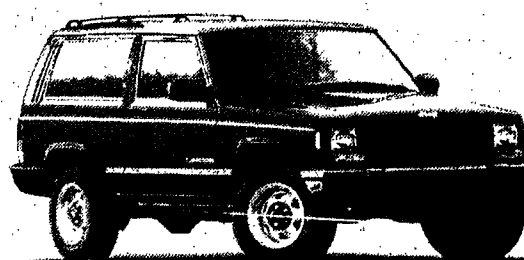
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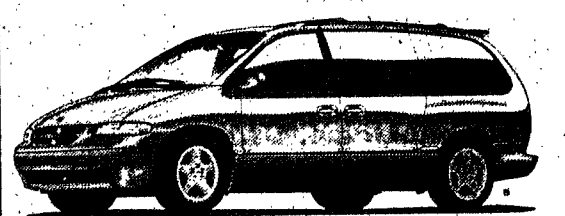
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The 19th annual Copper Magnolia Festival will be held under the live oaks at Historic Jefferson College, Washington, Miss., Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a wide variety of crafts offered for sale by more than 20 craftspeople.

Some of the items offered for sale include seasonal holiday decorations, woodcraft items, ceramic pieces, lye soap, crocheted animals and toys, jams, and jellies. The festival will also feature food booths, drawings for door prizes, cakewalks, and musical entertainment.

Historic Jefferson College has sponsored craft fairs every year since 1982, after research revealed that the college had sponsored agricultural fairs in

the 1830s and the 1840s. Those early fairs gave local citizens an opportunity to display vegetables and fruits, new farm machinery, needlework, quilts, and other hand-sewn items. The Copper Magnolia Festival continues this early tradition by allowing craftspeople to display and sell the crafts of today.

The festival takes its name from specially treated magnolia branches. The magnolia was chosen since it is Mississippi's state tree. Sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, the Copper Magnolia Festival is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call (601) 442-2901.



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Our Nation's most urgent issues

"GOP DARES CLINTON:
USE SURPLUS ON DEBT."

Driven more by dwindling hours than by principle, President Clinton and Republican leaders wrestled desperately over outside budget surpluses, tax cuts and spending priorities. Both sides, of course, claim the right formula.

While avowed fair-middle-ground-seeking Republicans urged Democrats to reserve 90 percent of expected budget surpluses to pay off the national debt, Democrats called the plan a dead-on-arrival, one-year gimmick, rather than a long-term commitment to reduce our national debt.

Let us try to weigh how this issue rates among our most pressing national issues. On a scale from 1 to 10, the budget surplus/national debt might qualify as a 6. No one can doubt its importance, but we will compare definitely weightier things which speak for themselves as higher in importance.

For instance, both parties are wooing soon-to-be retirees with their sworn pledge of saving our Social Security system. Again, the huge budget surplus is their ace in the hole. They assure every American that our wonderful budget surplus will enable them to insure Social Security for decades.

Let's take another look at that 1 to 10 scale. Social Security has indeed helped innumerable people over its existence since Congress passed the Social Security Act in 1935. Despite the strong desire we all have for peace and security, Social Security rates only a 5 among our most urgent issues.

Again, wooing everyone in the country, but the elderly in particular, both parties give their undying pledge to make our health care system second to none, guiding Medicaid, Medicare and all subsidized medicine to work best for those who need it most.

We take due note of the radical nature of health which affects negatively or positively education, economics and every aspect of our lives. Nonetheless, measuring on our scale from 1 to 10, health care comes in at 4.

Next comes one of the most-favored political footballs among all politicians: education. A financial stepchild in most places until recent years, education triggers huge pledges from the lips of most politicians who

give it much more lip service than actual assistance.

Well do we know how seminal education is, constantly proving itself to be the unique key to all human discovery, ability and accomplishment. In the context of religion, education is also the express road to wisdom.

Education is obviously very high on the scale, rating third behind crime prevention and community building which make education possible. However, it must be admitted that there is the egg-first-chicken-first question in play here, because education decreases crime and builds community.

With that in mind, we make crime prevention and community building number 2 on the scale. We interject, of course, that this will not play politically in 2000, since the hottest political issues involve aging, Social Security, the economy and health care.

Don't bet on hearing much about crime prevention or community building on the campaign trail. There will be only enough allusions to them to make apolitical promise to remedy things sound respectable.

Now that we have come to number 1, the latter statement becomes even more applicable and more troubling. Neither political party has said anything of any major significance about the most urgent of all our national issues: the dysfunctional family. Radical, seminal, basic are all words too weak to begin to express the profoundly negative, destructive impact the disintegration of the nuclear family has had on morals, education, religion, neighborhoods, crime, social life and politics. Many valiant single parents have been our only relief.

So where does all this leave believers who are ordered by God not to trust in the devices of humans but in the guidance and power of God? It leaves us high and dry if we attempt to latch onto most of the political philosophies being bandied about. We have to be the loyal opposition at all times.

Our focus on dysfunctional families, out information-gathering about them, planning, communal organizing, praying and mobilizing must never be put on a back burner. Our sheer survival as a God-fearing nation depends on our refusal to be turned aside by bogus issues and promises.

The "WORD" for the Week

Dennis J. Prutow, Box 303, Sterling, KS 67579

Love truth -- not evil

To encourage them, before Jesus went to the cross, to the grave, and then to heaven, He made a promise to His weary and heartbroken disciples.

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17). This promise indicates an important attribute of the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit of truth. The devil was and is adverse to truth. Jesus indicates this in a remark to certain religious leaders.

"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth

because there is no truth in him.

Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44).

Politicians, business people, computer analysts, and construction workers, should love truth. Here are the alternatives. The devil is a liar. He fathers lies. The Holy Spirit loves truth. He fathers truth.

If we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we love truth. We do not say to someone answering the phone, "Tell them I'm not here."

The Spirit of truth says, "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10).

St. Ann-St. John Church News

Fault finding is like window washing. All the dirt seems to be on the other side.

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

St. Augustine But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 Were the works of God readily understandable by human reason, they would be neither wonderful nor unspeakable.

Thomas Kempis

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful. I know that full well.

Psalm 139:14

Living the past is a dull and lonely business; looking back strains the neck muscles and causes you to bump into people not going your way.

Ferber What soap is for the body, tears are for the soul.

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Public Notices

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Unit #21 Michelle McCrea
Unit #24 Theresa Collins
9/17, 9/24/2000

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLADYS V. RHODES, Deceased
CAUSE NO. 990813
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned, Patricia H. Willis, having been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Gladys V. Rhodes, Deceased, on the 11th day of October, 1999 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the clerk of this court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred. This the 13th day of September 2000
Patricia H. Willis
Administratrix
Attorney for Estate
Patricia H. Willis, P.A.
P.O. Box 128
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
9/17, 9/24, 10/1/00

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
The Jackson County Board of Supervisors has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, at the Ocean Springs Harbor in Jackson County, Mississippi.
The applicant is requesting permission to maintain dredge the Bilton Bay at the Ocean Springs Harbor. Dredge spoil material will be placed at an existing upland disposal area located on Seamen Road in Jackson County, Mississippi.
In compliance with Section 401 of this Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL. 95-217, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.
Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00 p.m. on the day of September 30, 2000.
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**JACKIE TALLIAC
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Jackie is a "home town girl!" Having lived on the Gulf Coast her whole life, this gives her extensive knowledge of the area. She has been a REALTOR several years with Latter & Blum Realty. She is one of Latter & Blum's top Producers in high volume sales & listings.

Jackie specializes in residential and commercial properties and land development. She has completed MRI III, and VI, earning her a professional designation of GRI. She is a member of the Gulf Coast Top Producers, Million Dollar Club, with Multi-Million dollar sales. Jackie was awarded Latter & Blum's "Outstanding Quality Service Award" for 1999. She is also a member of the Local REALTOR Board Assoc. of REALTORS. Jackie's main goal in Real Estate is to serve all her clients with her skilled training and knowledge and to exceed all their real estate needs. When you meet Jackie, you will be "GUARANTEED QUALITY SERVICE," with a smile. As the Coast community continues to grow, so will Jackie's knowledge and know-how. Call her at Latter & Blum TODAY!! 467-4111 ext. 115.

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AVRA O'DWYER

Avra has lived in Pass Christian for the past 7 years, moving here from New Orleans. She is manager of Gertrude Gardner Realtors for the Bay St. Louis office and has over 25 years experience in Residential and Commercial sales.

As mother and wife I understand what it takes to help others reach their dreams. I know how special the Gulf Coast is and why so many of my clients wait to buy homes here.

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NELL FRISBIE

Nell is the manager of Latter & Blum Inc. Realtors, with branches in Bay St. Louis, Diamondhead, and Gulfport, with a 35-agent workforce.

She has obtained many designations most notable, CRB, CRS, and GRI. However, the most recent designation is ABRM, Approved Buyer Represented Manager.

Frisbie has served many political causes for Hancock County, including going to Washington, D.C. for the relocation of naval personnel to Stennis. She has also served on several committees and represented Hancock County at various legislative meetings.

Frisbie has held every office in Gulf Coast Association of Realtors and continues to be an active member. She also serves on the Mississippi State Association of Realtors' Professional Standards Committee, is an active member of the Hancock Chamber of Commerce and a committee member on the Hancock County Economic Development Committee and the Diamondhead Business Association.

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KAY ESTES

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CHARLOTTE WHITNEY

Charlotte Whitney of ERA Bayshore Realty, Inc., has been in sales for over 20 years. Since becoming a licensed real estate agent 5 years ago, she has been a multi-million dollar producer every year and received numerous awards.

Whitney was most recently honored by ERA for being the top listing agent statewide, top selling agent statewide, top listing volume statewide, and top selling volume statewide.

When asked to what she attributed her success, Charlotte said "Knowledge of the market, place, honesty, integrity and professionalism, plus I strive to go the extra mile for each and every one of my clients and customers."

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KIM KALETSCH

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Alecia Fouasnon of ERA Bay Shore Realty received #1 Selling Team for ERA in MS top honors boasting most number of transactions closed with Sessie Manieri. She also received the "Rising Star" award for her outstanding achievements since joining ERA in June of '99. Alecia received her Real Estate License in 1990, she consistently maintains the million Dollar Club status and has attained professional ABR and GRI designations. She credits her success to her "Exceptional" clientele and appreciation of the Gulf Coast. If you're interested in Selling your home or property call Alecia at 467-0244.

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BETH SEYMOUR

Beth is married to Steve Seymour and they have two children, Summer and Hunter. A member of the Gulf Coast Board of Realtors, Mississippi Association of Realtors, and Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Beth also gives her time to local fundraising and children's activities.

Since beginning her Real Estate career two and a half years ago, she has closed over \$6 million in real estate transactions and received the Residential Gold Award. She specializes in waterfront and country properties.

Beth says she loves her job and works diligently to find "just the right property" for her clients.

When listing your property with Beth Seymour, consider it sold!

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**Christ
at Lake**

Lakeshore will conduct Christmas Sunday, Dec. 17. The children sent a musical reading story. Every

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The H. Christmas campaign kicks Dec. 26. They moved to the Civic Center. The program is Hancock County Commerce, and Hancock

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